

## IMMENSE DAMAGE DONE BY LACK OF RAINFALL

### Forty-One Ships and Many Small Vessels at Mercy of Tempest on British Coast

## WORST GALE FOR YEARS IN BRITAIN

Scores of Vessels of All Sizes Battered or Wrecked While Battling Their Way to Safety

## HURRICANE RAGES OVER GREAT AREA

Vessel With Priceless Treasures on Board Fighting Her Way to England on Bay of Biscay

LONDON, Dec. 7.—Forty-one ships and innumerable fishing boats and barges were in distress tonight off the coasts of Great Britain and Ireland, after a seasonal hurricane that centred off the British Isles and extended as far as Spain and Scandinavia.

## SCORES OF LIVES LOST

The fierce gale, which lashed Britain for more than twenty-four hours caused loss of life that will run into scores when all the deaths have been tabulated. It was one of the severest storms in many years. The British steamer *Rady* foundered in the Bristol Bay, Devonshire, with the loss of twenty-one hands. The steamer *Francis Duncan* went down on Land's End with a loss of sixteen lives. The crew of the Italian steamer *Cassimo*, abandoned ship after losing their rudder and were rescued by the steamers *Edinburgh Castle* and *Arlanda*.

Ships of all nationalities were among those in distress, British, Norwegian, Dutch, Hungarian, Spanish, French and Italian. Somewhere in the Bay of Biscay on the outer channel, the treasure ship *Leonardo Da Vinci* from Italy was thought to be making her way through the storm to England, where her cargo of pictures, valued at \$70,000,000, will be exhibited.

## FIGHTING TREASURE SHIP

The *Leonardo da Vinci* has been sending wireless reports on her progress every day, but has not been heard from since she reported that she had passed Gibraltar at 8 o'clock last evening.

The liner *Andrea Doria*, bound from Madeira and South American ports, lost her rudder and had difficulty making her way safely to the port of Falmouth. Engineers

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From the Colonist Tower

Sunday, Dec. 8

## THE WEATHER

Victoria and Vicinity—Moderate to fresh south and west winds; generally fair and colder.

Sun Rise: 7:52 o'clock.

Sun Sets: 4:19 o'clock.

High Tide: 10:25 a.m., 8.7 feet.

Low Tide: 1:10 a.m., 3.6 feet.

## Sports

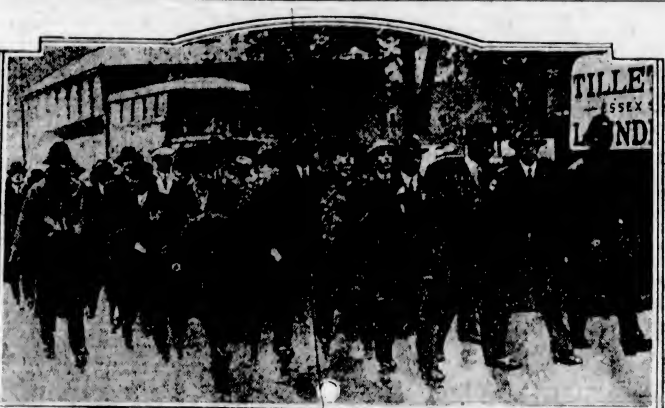
Victoria "rep" rugger drop close McKeechne Cup match to Vancouver. Score in last two minutes gives visitors victory. Navy puts Spanish Thistles out of Province Cup soccer. Wests and Equimait win league fixtures with ease. Maroons score three goals in sixty seconds to gain draw with fast-stepping Senators. Bruins and Canadians chalk up victories. Record entry made at Victoria Kennel Club show. Albion Davies and Tommy Burgess battle to draw. Young Striding wins from Carrara on foot.

## The News

**Local and Provincial.**—Premier explains effect of interim report of Colonel Napier on Civil Service reform. Miss Helen G. Stewart recommended for appointment director-librarian under district plan. New Hope-Princeton highway on programme of road construction. City receives cheque for \$12,700 from Panama Pacific Grain Terminal, Ltd. Japanese statements are on route here for naval disarmament conference.

**Dominion, Imperial and Foreign.**—Forty-one ships in danger and many lives are lost in terrific gale on British, French and Spanish coasts. Losses caused by worst drought ever recorded on Pacific Coast estimated at many millions. United States naval statement foresees further development of navy. Premier MacDonald and Mr. Philip Snowden lay down law to party extremists.

## Canadian V.C.'s Honoring the Fallen



THE above photograph shows the Canadian V.C.'s marching to the Cenotaph on Armistice Day to place their wreaths. Most of the men who attended the Prince of Wales' dinner have now returned to their homes and are full of admiration and praise for the reception and hospitality accorded them during their stay in the great British metropolis. The trippers were enthusiastic about the reception in the Old Country and declare the dinner was a wonderful success. Tired but happy after their long trip, they are very glad, so they say, to be home again.

## Hope-Princeton Route to Reduce Journey From Coast To Interior by Day's Travel

THE Hope-Princeton Highway, which will afford to the southern parts of British Columbia a route which will give connection with the British Columbia coast centres about a day's travel shorter than the existing roads, is now actually on the programme of road construction for the province.

In making this announcement, Mr. N. S. Loughheed does not suggest that the road will be constructed at once. The route is located, however, and will form part of the programme of construction in the province from year to year until it is finished.

It is one of the most important projects in the line of highway construction which will be carried to completion in the province within the next few years. In the opinion of the Minister of Public Works, Mr. W. A. McKenzie, Minister of Mines, who is deeply interested on behalf of the residents of the territory that will be brought by means of it 145 miles closer to the coast than at present.

At present the southern interior of the country finds it easy to travel through the United States in coming to the coast instead of adopting the more circuitous route which has to be taken to travel through British Columbia all the way.

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## Canoeists of Montreal Hit Rocky Reef

ST. JOHN, N.B., Dec. 7.—Dashed by a strong northeast wind and waves, the canoe in which Paul Paquin and Dick Lepage of Montreal, set out today en route for Halifax along the Bay of Fundy, was driven onto Partridge Island and swamped. In the opinion of pilots who helped them drag their boat to safety, the transatlantic canoeists narrowly escaped death by drowning.

After leaving Market Slip the men had trouble paddling against the tide and wind, and were gradually carried toward the bay. (This allowed them, but few glimpses of the island and the tide landed them on a reef, where the boat filled. They were brought back to the city by plan to start again tomorrow morning.

Mr. Tait stated yesterday that the Panama Pacific Grain Terminal, Limited, had made very good progress financially in the past three months, and also that the officials of the company were very hopeful that the grain situation will work out so that a fair volume of business can still be done by the elevator at Ogden Point this year.

Payment of the principal on the \$500,000 debenture stock of the company, guaranteed by the city, does not begin until July 2, 1932, when the first payment amounts to \$13,000. The principal is to be paid off in twenty-two annual instalments, while the interest is to be paid semi-annually.

## Crowds Fight With Fists as French Girl Weds Indian Prince

AIX-LES-BAINS, France, Dec. 7 (British United Press).—In a brief civil ceremony lasting hardly more than five minutes, the blonde Mlle. Andre Josephine Marie Leonie Carron, thirty-one, became the bride today of the rich and powerful Indian leader, the Aga Khan.

Mayor Henri Coeur, of Aix-les-Bains, following one of the customs of the Paris municipality, pronounced the French and Indian words uniting the pretty daughter of a French Catholic family to the fifty-four-year-old descendant of the prophet Mahomet. The ceremony was delayed a few minutes by the tardiness of the bridegroom. Witnesses to the ceremony were Deputy Antoine Borel and the lawyers, Durand and Deslaur.

Photographers attempted to take sound films of the ceremony, but were forbidden to install equipment and had to be content with stills.

The crowds and photographers fought with fists for advantageous positions around the Town Hall as Mlle. Carron arrived for the ceremony. She was surrounded with flowers. Carloads of palms and flowers completely hid the walls and stairways of the old castle.

The bridegroom was a typical man of his race, dressed in a fourteenth-century costume. The Aga Khan signed the marriage register as Sir Sultan Mohammed Shah Aga Khan, indicating that his bride was elevated to nobility by the marriage. Mayor Coeur, in his customary ceremonial speech, addressed her as "Princess."

## EXPERIENCED OFFICIAL IS CONSIDERED

Library Commission Recommends Miss Helen Stewart for Post to Be Created to Make Test

## FRASER VALLEY TO BE SELECTED

Miss Stewart Is Now Studying for Ph.D. Degree After Active Professional and Academic Career

THE Fraser Valley district will be selected as the place for demonstrating the library district plan under funds provided by the Carnegie Corporation, if the plan of the British Columbia Public Library Commission is carried into effect. Moreover, the recommendation is made by that body that Miss Helen G. Stewart, of this city, be appointed as director-librarian to carry out the work connected with the plan.

The British Columbia Public Library Commission has held several meetings of late in connection with the carrying out of the plan for the establishment of a district library in the province, which received the support of the Government following the endorsement of such a plan by the Carnegie Corporation. At a meeting held yesterday the final action was taken.

The members of the commission were all present, made up of Mr. H. Norman Lidster, of New Westminster, chairman; Mrs. Margaret L. Boyle, of Vancouver; and Mr. John Hoyle, Provincial Librarian, Victoria; with Mr. Herbert Killam, of the Provincial Library, as secretary of the commission.

**MISS STEWART'S WORK**  
The selection of Miss Stewart for the position would appear to be a specially happy one. Perhaps no one in the Province of British Columbia is better qualified for this position than she is, not only because of the tremendous work she has done in the general line of library work, but also due to the fact that she is preparing for her Ph.D. degree.

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## PREMIER TELLS ENGINEERS OF ROADS OF B.C.

Declares Province Has Best Roads of Any Part of Dominion—Railroads Are Extended

## NEW OFFICERS OF 1930 ARE CHOSEN

VANCOUVER, Dec. 7.—Romance, dogged persistence and humor—humor which connects the engineer profession with the development of British Columbia, constituted the theme of an address by Premier S. F. Tolmie to members of the Association of Professional Engineers of British Columbia at their annual dinner in Hotel Georgia on Saturday night.

Incidental to development of waterpower in British Columbia, Premier Tolmie told the assembled engineers that there lies before them the all-important problem of transporting spawning salmon over power dams and bringing to the sea their fry.

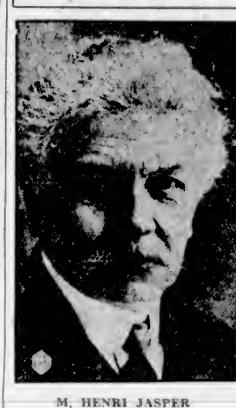
**RAILROADS OF B.C.**  
Dealing with railroad engineering, Premier Tolmie said British Columbia has advanced until she has 5,200 miles of railway, of which 4,042 are used by steam locomotives and 1,238 by electrical equipment.

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## IS APPOINTED TO STUDY OF QUAKES

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 7.—The Rev. Frederick Wyatt Schon, S.J., had been appointed director of the Georgetown University Seismographic Observatory, succeeding the Rev. Francis A. Tendorf, who died recently after holding that post for more than a quarter of a century. Father Schon is widely known as an astronomer and earthquake authority, and a few years ago was in charge of the seismograph apparatus at Fordham University.

## Premier Who Returns After Resigning



M. HENRI JASPER

Resigned as Prime Minister of Belgium after his cabinet had disagreed on the question of substituting French for French as the official language of Ghent University. King Albert has refused to accept his resignation.

## Children Escape Deadly Fumes of Carbon Monoxide

PORTLAND, Dec. 7.—Four children of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Kreiger, Eagle Creek, ranging in age from nine to thirteen, rode twenty miles unconscious in an enclosed auto truck dense with carbon monoxide today before they were discovered by their parents. The Kreigers drove to Portland and placed the children in the rear of the truck. Physicians said they would recover.

## CHAOS TO BE CHECKED BY ADJUSTMENT

Premier Explains Effect of Interim Report of Colonel Napier on Civil Service Reform

## MANY PROBLEMS YET UNSOLVED

The condition of chaos which has been associated with the Provincial Civil Service for years is now about to be eliminated, according to a statement made by Premier Tolmie, following the initial report on the situation received from Col. R. Ross Napier.

There is still a great deal to be done before Colonel Napier completes his task, which requires tracing the history of the individual members of the service covering the time since they first entered the employ of the Government and finding out a properly organized system where they would now be classified and allocating the proper remuneration to them.

This has been a tremendous task, for while the Civil Service Act provided for the formulating of regulations governing the service, for some reason or other these rules were never framed and the advance

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## Royalties of Italy Visit Vatican City and Receive Gifts From Hands of Pope

ROME, Dec. 7.—Crown Prince Humbert and his younger sisters, Princesses Giovanna and Maria, today drove from the Palazzo Apostolico to the Vatican and paid their respects to Pope Pius XI. They were accompanied by Count de Vecchi, Italian Ambassador to the Holy See, who introduced them to the Pope. It was the first time Prince Humbert and Princesses Giovanna and Maria had seen the Pope.

## ROYAL TRIO CHEERED

Troops stood at attention as the children of King Victor Emmanuel passed by. The crowds cheered the royal trio to the echo.

The party walked through the rooms of the papacy to the private-chamber and then to the throne room, where the Pope met them. The three knelt and kissed the Pope's hand. He then immediately raised them to their feet.

The Pope spoke kindly and cordially to the Crown Prince. He congratulated him on his forthcoming marriage to Princess Maria Jose of Belgium, which will be celebrated on January 8. He wished him happiness and gave him his blessing.

At the conclusion of the interview

## Year of Big Drought Does More Damage Than Ever Recorded

Millions in Losses Is Estimated to Have Resulted From Driest Year Ever Known in Annals of the Pacific Coast—Industries, Fisheries, Lands, Forests, Cities All Suffer to Incalculable Extent

## Deficiency of Rain Is Declared Unparalleled

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 7 (British United Press).—Along with 1894, the "year of the floods," 1897, the "cold year," when a wagon laden with kegs of beer was hauled across the river on the ice by a four-horse team, the year 1929 will go down in history as the Pacific Northwest's "year of the big drought."

Already uncounted millions of dollars' damage has been caused by the driest year in history, and with the middle of December approaching no general rain is yet in sight, according to the weather bureau. "PASSIVE DAMAGE" GREAT  
The "passive damage" caused by lack of rain includes drained cities, shut down industries, thousands upon thousands of acres of forests and farm lands laid waste, wheat crops total failures and damage to other crops, the fish industry paralyzed for a cycle which will not be corrected for years.

Hardest hit of the larger cities is Tacoma where industries have had their power ration cut 25 per cent and face a 50 per cent cut unless general rains fall within a week. Street cars have been taken off their runs, street lamps have been dimmed, and a general business depression resulted.

Seattle has dimmed part of her ornamental street lamps, but otherwise still has sufficient power for her needs, and the city has refused to pool her power with Tacoma and private producers in order to obtain reserve power from the navy air-plant carrier Lexington.

Vancouver and New Westminster have curtailed street car service, street lighting and the use of water for domestic purposes. The little town of Rockport, Wash., is entirely without lights for its 100 homes. Industry has stopped entirely at Toledo, Ore., although the sawmill power plant is still producing sufficient power for domestic lighting.

**ONLY SMALL PART**  
The power shortage, however, is a small part of the general damage caused to the green land by lack

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## NOTABLE PARTY OF JAPANESE TO COME HERE

Former Premier Wakatsuki Heads Delegation En Route to Naval Disarmament Conference

## OUTLINE OF PROPOSED POLICY

When the N.Y.K. liner *Siberia* Maru docks here from Yokohama on Wednesday, she will have aboard one of the most distinguished parties of Japanese to call here for some time. They are en route to the London naval disarmament conference, which will take place in January.

The party includes Mr. Reijiro Wakatsuki, former Premier of Japan; Admiral Hyo Takarabe, minister of the Imperial Japanese Navy, accompanied by Madame Takarabe; Admiral K. Abo; Count Akutsu Kabayama, member of the House of Peers; Mr. T. Yamakawa; Mr. T. Kawasaki, president of the Bureau of Legislation; Lieut.-Admiral Reizo Sakonji, Rear Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, Captain T. Toyada, Captain K. Nakamura, Surgeon Captain S. Sogawa, Mr. E. Enomoto, Commander T. Mogi, Lieut. M. Kawaguchi, Mr. Hiroi Saito, director of the information bureau of the Department of Foreign Affairs and former Japanese consul at Seattle, and Mr. Kiyoshi Yamagata.

## CHOICE WELL RECEIVED

The Japanese Government is expected to stress the necessity of material reduction of navies, instead of limitation. Mr. Reijiro Wakatsuki, on October 12, consented to head the Japanese delegation to the five-power naval conference at the personal request of Premier Hamaguchi. His acceptance brought great relief in Government circles and was acclaimed highly by both officials and the press of Japan.

Japan's draft reply to the British

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## COUNCILLORS ENTER FIELD IN ESQUIMALT

Messrs. Albert Heald, Thomas Hadfield and Charles H. Smith to Seek Re-election to Council

### REEVE J. ELRICK EXPECTED TO RUN

With the election day in Esquimalt a little over five weeks away, the three councillors, Mr. Albert Heald, Mr. Thomas Hadfield and Mr. Charles H. Smith, whose terms expire at the end of this month, announced yesterday that they would seek re-election to office.

Whether or not anyone will oppose the three councillors remains to be seen. Last year it was thought that the councillors seeking re-election to office would go in by acclamation, but at the last minute three others announced their intentions and it is expected that others will enter the field this year. Councillor Albert Heald has been a member of the council for the past seven years and is the oldest member, with the exception of Councillor Alexander Lockley, who was reeve for several years. He was chairman of the parks committee during the two years that Captain R. P. Matheson was chief magistrate and held the same position on the finance committee last year.

When Reeve James Elrick appointed the standing committees at the first of the year he chose Councillor Heald as chairman of the first and lights committee. At the last meeting of the council Mr. Heald brought up a motion from this committee that the members of the fire department be given an increase in pay and only after a lengthy argument did he succeed. From the year of his election up to the present Mr. Heald has been a member of the finance committee and therefore has a very good insight on the financial conditions prevailing in the municipality.

Mr. Heald is a returned soldier and gave voluntary services during the Boer and the Great Wars. "I expect Reeve Elrick did not seek re-election to office I shall run for the reeve," said Councillor Heald yesterday.

Councillor Thomas Hadfield, who has been a resident of the district for many years, has served three years on the School Board, and is completing his second on the council. One of Mr. Hadfield's chief interests in the district is the solving of traffic problems and making the roads safe for pedestrians. He also is deeply interested in establishing a seaplane base in Esquimalt.

Mr. Hadfield was appointed chairman of the library committee at the beginning of the year, and through his efforts the situation was settled to the satisfaction of the residents. The rate for obtaining books from the library has been maintained and Mr. Hadfield stated yesterday that he expects it to be carried out on the same basis during 1930.

Councillor Charles H. Smith, who has been a member of the council for the past three years, will probably base his election platform on the industrial and development work done throughout the year. Mr. Smith is chairman of the parks committee and has brought up many important items for discussion during his time on the council.

**REEVE UNDECIDED**  
Although Reeve James Elrick has failed to make any announcement as to whether he will run again, it is more than likely that he will seek the reeve ship for another term. For the past two years the reeve has been returned to the head of municipal interests by acclamation, and the general opinion throughout the district is that he will be returned again this year if he enters the field.

Three seats will be open on the School Board as Trustees. Mrs. Isabel, Alexander Lockley and Major J. A. P. Crompton vacate their seats at the end of the month. Police Commissioner Sidney R. Bowden's term also expires at the end of the year, but as yet he has failed to make any announcement.

### TOC H NOTES

The Toc H birthday festival, which is being observed all around the world this week, will be celebrated by the Victoria group with a special service at the Centennial United Church, Gorge Road, tonight. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Miss Mackenzie will attend this service. Members of the group are asked to assemble in the church parlor on David Street, at 7:15 o'clock.

The December guest night of the group will be held on Tuesday evening, December 10, in the Toc H O.P., 521 Bastion Street. The speaker guest of the evening will be Mr. J. Gordon Smith.

"My husband," confided Mrs. Brown to her friend, "will persist in wearing trousers that are much too long, and when I tell him about them he gets angry. What do you suggest?"

"Well," replied her friend, after a few moments' reflection, "try pulling his leg!"

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## Are Seeking Re-election



—Photograph by Robert Port. COUNCILLOR T. HADFIELD

Who will seek re-election to the Esquimalt Council when the electorate goes to the polls about the middle of next month. Councillor Hadfield has served on the council the past two years, while Councillor Smith has been interested in municipal affairs for three years.

### LUMBER OUTPUT IS AGAIN DECREASED

SEATTLE, Dec. 7.—Lumber production in the Northwest decreased 28,000,000 board feet during the week ending November 30, the West Coast Lumbermen's Association reported yesterday. The report covered 233 mills in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. The decrease, as compared with the week previous, represented a general observance of the Thanksgiving holidays, the report stated.

### MR. HAMILTON RECALLS LAND TAX CAMPAIGN

Praises Effort of Late Mr. J. C. Brown to Secure Improvement Taxation Exemption

### PRINCIPLE HAS REMAINED INTACT

The career of John Cunningham Brown and his efforts towards inculcating within this province the principles of Henry George in the cause of single taxation policy, were told at a special luncheon meeting of the Henry George Association of Victoria, which was held at David Spencer Limited yesterday by Mr. Alexander Hamilton, of Pender Island.

Mr. Hamilton, who was introduced by the chairman, Mr. W. A. Jamieson, said that this had been a red letter year for the principles of the single taxation, and referred to the recent conference at Edinburgh called to promote free trade and the taxation of land values.

The speaker read an interesting and plain-spoken editorial, written by Thomas Turnbull, which appeared in the "Single Tax Advocate," a paper published in New Westminster in the year 1889.

Mr. Hamilton stressed the fact that a citizen, producing useful and wholesome food upon the land, might work for a lifetime without making a fraction of the money obtained by the successful speculator in real estate.

### DISTINGUISHED CAREER

Mr. Brown, continued Mr. Hamilton, built up a distinguished career as a journalist, a postmaster and warden of the penitentiary at New Westminster, apart from municipal politics. As soon as the people of New Westminster saw his efficiency upon the city council they elected him to the Legislature of the province. He was instrumental in altering taxation so that high-priced land should pay the highest taxes, and he further managed to secure a \$500 exemption on improvements upon each pre-emption, which exemption was afterwards increased by the Oliver Government to \$1,500.

"No matter what party is in power," Mr. Hamilton concluded, "the single tax is an economic necessity. His colleagues were amateurs, but Brown was armed and equipped with the irresistible logic of Henry George."

Professor R. Mobius, in a few words, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Hamilton and the motion was seconded by Mr. F. P. Rand. Among those present at the luncheon were Mrs. J. Petrie, Miss Mary Hamilton, Messrs. J. Petrie, Alex. Peden, Percy Watson, F. Shakespeare, F. C. Green and H. Hollins.

### WILLOW BRAMBLE CASE APPEALED

Notice is served by Mr. Frank Higgins, K.C.—Ownership of Racing Mare Involved

Mr. Frank Higgins, K.C., yesterday served notice of appeal to the Court of Appeal from the judgment delivered in the County Court by Judge Lampson, in the suit of Mrs. Margaret Childs versus Mr. Louis Nelson and Mrs. Nelson, awarding possession of the racing mare, Willow Bramble, to Mrs. Childs. The Appeal Court is asked to restore Willow Bramble to the Nelsons and to award damages. The ground on which the appeal is based is that the judgment is against the weight of evidence, that it errs in its interpretation of the law, and that it errs in the application of the law to the facts brought forth in the evidence.

The recent trial of this case in the County Court was followed with much interest by the racing fraternity. Mrs. Childs claimed that Willow Bramble had been bought for her, with her money, by Mr. Nelson. The Nelsons claimed that they had put up the money and that the mare had been bought for themselves. Replevin proceedings brought the dispute before the courts.

**NO PUBLIC CHECKERS**  
LACROSSE, Wis., Dec. 7.—Playing checkers in public places has been forbidden by Mayor John E. Langdon in his campaign against gambling devices. "If we closed up all other games and let checkers stay," he said, "the poolrooms soon would be gambling on checkers."

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## NEXT THURSDAY'S VOTE

The municipal election of next Thursday is  
some of the most important in the history of the  
city. It is not only a contest for the mayoralty,  
but a contest for the future of the city. The  
municipal council is the body which controls the  
city's finances, and it is the council which  
determines the city's policy. The council is  
elected by the voters, and it is the voters who  
must decide whether they want a council which  
will spend money on the city's needs, or a  
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The municipal voters, if they realize their  
responsibility to elect those best qualified to  
safeguard their interests, will not hesitate in  
turning out to the polls on Thursday next. The  
greater civic interest is displayed at election time  
the more any community will progress. There  
are delights in connection with the present  
campaign that should lead to a large vote. There  
is public resentment because aldermanic salaries  
were raised during the past year, and because  
of these now to be elected should be pledged  
against any further raises on the civic treasury.  
There is the question, too, of the attitude of  
the aspirants for office towards the heavy municipal  
taxation from which this city suffers and which  
has been instrumental in leading to a heavy list  
of reverted lands. During the municipal cam-  
paign of 1928 the promise was dangled before  
the property owners that definite relief could  
be anticipated in the mill rate for 1929. That  
promise was unfulfilled. The aldermen wanted  
on our City Council are those who will work all  
the time for such relief, inasmuch as lower tax-  
ation would prove the greatest of all inducements  
to an increase in population. These are some of  
the factors which should arouse our voters to a  
higher interest in municipal politics than has  
been evidenced up to the present in the current  
campaign for office. It will prove for the benefit  
of civic development if there is a substantial  
vote on Thursday next.

## THE FUTURE OF SINGAPORE

Hong Kong, the Federated Malay States and  
New Zealand have contributed \$10,565,000 to-  
wards the cost of the Singapore Naval Base, work  
on which has now been "slowed down" by the  
British Labor Government. The excuse for this  
action, given by Mr. Alexander, the First Lord of  
the Admiralty, is that owing to the imminence  
of the Five-Power Naval Conference there is a  
possibility that a decision may be reached at  
that gathering to abolish the naval base at Sing-  
apore. In view of the fact that the cost of the  
base, up to date, has been largely borne by the  
contributions from outside Great Britain herself  
the action of the Labor Government is open to  
criticism because the parties that have subscribed  
\$10,565,000 were not consulted before the "slow-  
ing down" process was put into effect.

Apart from the latter fact the question of a  
naval base at Singapore is a matter for Empire  
decision, pure and simple. Its provision is essen-  
tially one of Empire strategy, and the question  
of strategy should not be thrown into the main-  
stream of international politics. The issue before  
the Five-Power Conference is developing more  
and more as an attempt to obtain international  
sanction to a definite weakening of British sea  
power, and particularly in the matter of its rela-  
tive strength with that of other nations. Singa-  
pore is one of the keys that unlock Great Brit-  
ain's ability to police the Seven Seas, to protect  
her Empire and safeguard her commerce. It is  
the watch-tower of her defence of her prestige  
in the Pacific Ocean. The future of Singapore  
should be in the keeping of the British Empire  
alone, not a matter to be regulated by the jeal-  
ousies of rival naval Powers.

## FINGERPRINT ADAPTATIONS

The difficulties that often arise in a person  
proving his or her identity and the value of the  
fingerprint system were recently explained to a  
London audience by Dr. C. Ainsworth Mitchell,  
a surgeon attached to Scotland Yard. The  
ordinary person, when asked to furnish proof of  
identity, would, he said, produce his birth certi-  
ficate; but in many instances births had not been  
registered. The testimony of friends and rela-  
tives was also not infallible, as they might have  
left the country; and he quoted several instances  
of mistaken identity, citing the famous Tich-  
borne case and that of Adolph Beck. Another  
method of identification often adopted by sailors  
was tattooing; but this was liable to imitation.  
Dr. Mitchell showed on the screen how faces  
could be built from skeletons by experts using  
standard measurements, ascertained from vari-  
ous nationalities, and he narrated how such a  
face was built up from plasticine and led to the  
identification of Dominico Rosso, an Italian, who  
was found murdered in a New York cellar, and  
had been missing for over a year.

The first discovery of the use of fingerprints  
proved a valuable aid to the process of identifica-  
tion. The imprint of a hand of a prehistoric  
man found on the wall of a cave in America,  
showing the particular markings on the finger-  
tips, proved that those patterns had been no-  
ticed at a very early period; but the first attempt  
to use them as a means of identification was  
made by Sir William Herschel in 1853, when he  
was a commissioner in India. He noticed that  
if the natives were asked to place their fingers  
on a document they regarded it as something  
sacred, and would never repudiate it. The idea

occurred to him to use this as a means of identi-  
fying different people. Fingerprints are perma-  
nent and indestructible. Even after the original  
pattern may have been burnt off it is always  
restored when the new skin grows. This is a  
fact not generally appreciated by criminals who  
frequently mutilate the skin of their fingers in  
vain efforts to avoid tell-tale fingerprint evi-  
dence. In this case time works with the investi-  
gator and not the malefactor.

All animals have "fingerprints." In the lower  
animals the markings are comparatively simple,  
but when the ape stage is reached the markings  
are found to be very similar to human prints.  
Dogs and cats have very marked patterns on  
their noses. "You ink the nose," says Dr. Mitchell,  
"and make the cow do the printing. It may be  
that in time," he says, "everyone who signs a  
cheque will have to make a fingerprint, and it  
would be well if this could be done when a per-  
son makes a will, as we should then have more  
certainty than we have at present."

## MARGIN TRADING

One way to prevent a stock market collapse  
such as recently occurred on the New York ex-  
change, and adversely affected every exchange  
on the continent with dire results in the spread  
of poverty, would be the prohibition by law of  
margin trading. Margin trading leads to artifi-  
cial stimulation and has metamorphosed stock  
exchanges into the greatest gambling agencies  
on earth. It is too much to hope that any govern-  
ment would have the courage to prohibit mar-  
gin trading just on moral grounds alone. For eco-  
nomic reasons, however, such a course would be  
justified. Governments must have seen during  
some weeks past the results of stock exchange  
gambling. They are apparent in every city,  
town, village and hamlet throughout the coun-  
try. No process of education will wean the peo-  
ple from the desire to get something for nothing.  
In the case of margin trading they should be  
saved from their own gullibility by legislation  
to exorcise artificial stimulation from the stock  
markets. As Bumble says, "the law is a ass—a  
liability," when it eliminates fan tan from the  
scheme of legitimate practices, and permits, in  
the full blaze of publicity, a process which makes  
the stock exchange the greatest gambling device  
known in history.

Atheism is the State creed in Russia. Before  
membership can be secured in the Com-  
munist Party there must be a renunciation of  
religious faith. Agitation and propaganda  
against religion goes on all the time. It is per-  
secuted and reviled. Without religion there can  
be no morality. And it is with a religionless Gov-  
ernment that the British Labor Government is  
entering into diplomatic relations. In other  
words, a Christian country is shaking hands with  
atheism.

Mr. Forke, the Minister of Immigration, ap-  
pears to have a predilection for foreign immi-  
grants to the Dominion. He has been trying to  
arrange with Saskatchewan for the settlement  
there of 5,000 more Mennonites. Premier Ander-  
son, however, says, "not Saskatchewan's new  
policy is that the time is ripe for better consid-  
eration to be given to the English-speaking section  
of the population."

The people of the United States spend \$700-  
000,000 a year at soda fountain counters. The  
expenditure on intoxicating liquors also increases  
steadily. Theirs is a climate, it would appear,  
that requires liquid refreshment.

## The Weather

Meteorological Office, Victoria, B.C., at 8 p.m.  
December 7, 1929.

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION			
	Min.	Max.	Snow
Vancouver	43	48	—
Kamloops	30	32	—
Prince George	12	18	—
Edmonton	36	44	—
Dawson	22	28	—
Seattle	44	46	—
Portland	44	48	—
San Francisco	50	58	—
Spokane	28	34	Trace
Los Angeles	52	68	—
Penticton	21	36	03
Vernon	30	35	—
Grand Forks	33	35	—
Nelson	25	33	—
Kaslo	24	36	—
Cranbrook	15	30	—
Calgary	8	22	—
Swift Current	10	14	—
Prince Albert	4	12	Trace
Qu'Appelle	4	8	—
Winnipeg	16	4	Trace

FORECASTS  
Victoria and vicinity—Moderate to fresh southerly  
and westerly winds; generally fair and colder.  
Vancouver and vicinity—Light to moderate winds;  
generally fair and colder.

SATURDAY  
Maximum ..... 48  
Minimum ..... 43  
Average ..... 45  
Minimum on the grass ..... 35  
Bright sunshine, 5 hours 18 minutes.  
General state of the weather, cloudy.

## 5 P.M. WEATHER REPORTS

Victoria—Barometer, 29.91; wind, S.W., 18 miles;  
cloudy.  
Vancouver—Barometer, 29.86; wind, S.W., 4 miles;  
cloudy.  
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.68; calm; cloudy.  
Prince George—Barometer, 30.00; wind, N., 4 miles;  
fair.  
Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.94; wind, W., 4 miles;  
fair.  
Edmonton—Barometer, 29.92; wind, N.W., 12  
miles; fair.  
Tatooch—Barometer, 29.90; wind, S.W., 10 miles;  
cloudy.  
Portland—Barometer, 29.88; wind, S.E., 4 miles;  
cloudy.  
Seattle—Barometer, 29.92; wind, S.W., 12 miles;  
cloudy.  
San Francisco—Barometer, 29.94; wind, S.W., 4  
miles; cloudy.

## TO A BLIND POET

Let me be eyes to you; that you may find  
The long-remembered landscapes of your dreams;  
Sunlight and shadow, swallows in the wind,  
The wide-flung tapestry of hills and streams.  
For I shall fill my soul so full of stars,  
And all the mystic wonder of the night,  
That your fine spirit, beating at its bars,  
May know once more the ecstasy of light.  
—B. J. B. MacA. in Glasgow Herald.

Next to the study of language the study of good  
literature should be named. To read good  
books; to read them slowly and carefully,  
getting the full force of every sentence, and the full  
significance and beauty of every figure and illus-  
tration—this is a great aid in mastering the art of  
expression and is itself a liberal education.—Wash-  
ington Gladden.

The use of money is all the advantage there is in  
having money.—Benjamin Franklin

## Note and Comment

By R. B. D.

We have been charged, and  
charged from a source very near  
home, with having been guilty of  
the indiscretion of sniping at Mr.  
George Bernard Shaw and Mr.  
Arthur Brisbane, and of expressing  
views almost as gloomy as the views  
of the Gloomy Dean upon the af-  
fairs of the world at large and the  
affairs of the British Empire in  
particular. We have been told that  
Mr. Shaw was a very brilliant man  
and Mr. Brisbane an extremely  
clever newspaper commentator  
should be exempt from criticism  
by the very small fry of the jour-  
nalistic profession. Well, we are  
told that a cat may look at a king,  
we have seen a very small bantam  
cock ruffling his neck feathers  
and impudently strutting around a  
bellicose rooster more than three  
times his size and weight, and we  
have seen a terrier dog absolutely  
destitute of fear challenging a brute  
as big as a mastiff to "come on and  
fight."

While we admire the genius of  
Mr. Shaw for making plays and  
money and the ability of Mr. Bri-  
sbane for making an interesting  
daily story of next to nothing, we  
must be excused for thinking and  
saying that both the brilliant Irish-  
man and the clever American are  
occasionally caught giving currency  
to views intended to humbug the  
people who read what they say and  
what they write. We have said that  
out of his own mouth Mr. Shaw  
has convicted himself of being a  
Socialistic humbug. We read Mr.  
Brisbane's interesting columns daily,  
and we do not hesitate to say that  
almost every day Mr. Brisbane  
proves himself a demagogue.

There was an article from the pen  
of Mr. Brisbane published in the  
Ineffable Hearst newspapers a few  
days ago which we preserved for  
reference and comment. Here is a  
part of the article which aroused our  
attention and aroused our  
curiosity: "The Government (United  
States Government) sends a note  
of protest to Russia, Britain and  
China joining in Britain's Foreign  
Secretary is careful to tell the  
House of Commons that the thing  
was done at the suggestion of the  
United States. . . . It is all right  
to make mild suggestions. Let us  
hope that this country will not be  
put in a position to spend billions,  
and without success, to help some  
wretched financiers to get back loans  
stupidly made to the Czar and  
Kerensky, when a baby should have  
known better."

No doubt the witless British  
financiers made a grievous business  
error when they lent great sums  
of money to the representatives of  
a revolution which was in a state of  
defeat. But the money was lent  
in the hope of keeping Russia in  
the war and saving Britain and  
Europe from the disaster of defeat.  
It was lent for patriotic motives  
rather than in the hope of receiv-  
ing handsome returns in interest.  
Experience has proved that the  
witless British financiers made a  
mistake. They did not save Russia  
from the consequences of a revolu-  
tion, and they apparently have lost  
their money.

But that was not the first mis-  
take made by witless British finan-  
ciers. During the American revolu-  
tion the predecessors of those wit-  
less British financiers lent what at  
the time was considered large sums  
of money to several of the belliger-  
ent States, which afterwards repu-  
diated their obligations, and al-  
though the States have since been  
in a position to pay without serious  
inconvenience, they continue to  
repudiate their obligations. Com-  
pared with such sharp and shrewd  
Americans as Mr. Brisbane, British  
financiers may be stupid, but they  
have always met their legal as well  
as their moral obligations. The  
Great War was waged and won on  
British credit, and it is not Britain  
that is enjoying the fruits of vic-  
tory.

And if we are occasionally some-  
what pessimistic in our views of  
the affairs of the world, we are  
going to quote something to prove  
that we are not singular in such  
views. Speaking on the affairs of  
Great Britain, the new Lord Mayor  
of Leicester, who seems to be a keen  
observer of the trend of events, said:

We local administrators are per-  
haps prone to claim too much for  
progress by the improvements we  
know have been effected in the  
social conditions of our people.  
Altogether England is an im-  
mensely more comfortable place for  
her people to live in. Social pro-  
gress in material things has cer-  
tainly been made. It often wonder  
if movement—progress—in the  
higher sense has been its accom-  
paniment. Are we individually—  
ethically and spiritually improved?  
Are we wiser, stronger men? A  
great deal can be learned from  
the decline and fall of ancient  
civilizations. Chiefly the outstand-  
ing causes of this decline were the  
obliteration of the individual, and  
the effacement and deterioration  
which followed wealth and luxury.  
To some thinkers and students—  
even in these so-called hard times  
—the former is operating on by far

too large a scale, while many sec-  
tions of English society appear to  
be endangered by the latter. With  
regard to the former there is justifi-  
cation for fear with regard to our  
systems of education. We are not  
developing in the great majority of  
our people individuality, a high  
sense of personality. The children  
go through our schools, elementary,  
higher and university, according to  
social position. I am thinking of  
the mass and not the exception,  
and the result in the mass is stereo-  
typed indifference to hard effort,  
and an utter lack of appreciation  
of what is known as the higher  
things of life.

But all the time, pleasure con-  
tinues to widen and deepen her ap-  
peal, and with ever-growing suc-  
cess. I am no kill-joy—no alarmist  
—certainly no pessimist, but I can-  
not study the steadily increasing  
amount spent year by year on the  
varying forms of pleasure and in-  
dulgence without concern. The  
more value is known, and is ap-  
plied in statistics, and, therefore,  
cannot be fabricated. But who would  
challenge the accuracy of the gen-  
eralization? Is pleasure and indur-  
gence to be followed by decline and  
fall? It certainly would if pleasure  
and indulgence were not arrested.  
Can they be arrested? I earnestly  
think they can. England must over-  
haul herself. She must continue to  
improve environment, but at the  
same time she must direct her  
definite and sustained effort  
towards a higher sense of per-  
sonal responsibility in each individ-  
ual, in each potential citizen.

## Going Down the Peace River Back to Civilization

By A. E. H.

With the completion of the field  
work for 1929 the various parties  
employed on the P.G.E. resources  
looked the train to Edmonton.  
by way of the Crooked River to  
Prince George, others by way of  
the Peace River and E.D. & B.C.  
to Edmonton. One party of seven  
leaving Hudson's Hope on October  
22 had quite an interesting trip as  
far as Peace River Crossing, a dis-  
tance of 240 miles, from which place  
they took the train to Edmonton.  
They traveled in an open boat  
equipped with an outboard engine  
that averaged about ten miles an  
hour running with the current.

About an hour and a half's run  
from Hudson's Hope is Hell's Gate.  
The banks of the river at this point  
are sheer rock walls some fifty feet  
high, and it is divided by a island  
with similar precipitous cliffs. It  
is not particularly dangerous.  
Below Hell's Gate the Halfway  
River comes in. This river is a  
very fine cattle country; the north  
fork is still open to settlers. It was  
on the Halfway that the well-known  
Federal ranch of the Hudson's Hope  
settlers was situated. Unfortunately  
the occupiers with insufficient hay put  
up and most of the stock died.

AT CACHE CREEK  
The party stopped at the mouth  
of Cache Creek on the first night.  
Cache Creek comes into the Peace  
forty miles below Hudson's Hope.  
During supper the school teacher  
and his wife arrived at the camp  
and invited everybody to a  
neighbor's house for the evening.  
It sounds rather unusual, but hospi-  
tality in the North knows no  
limits.

The house was a good size with  
a large central living room, com-  
fortably furnished. There were eight  
children and their mother at home;  
a more intelligent looking group of  
youngsters it would be hard to find.  
Those of school age were studying  
throughout the evening, and while  
the presence of the school teacher  
may have influenced them in this,  
they appeared to be very much in  
earnest.

These people, who were of Swedish  
extraction, had come from the  
middle western states a few years  
ago. The mother was warm in her  
welcome, and the Peace River country  
and said they had already tripled  
their holdings. Her husband was  
away in the East at the time, buy-  
ing more farm machinery.  
The survey party spent a most  
enjoyable evening, and if the  
gramophone records such as "Big  
Rock Candy Mountain" were a  
trifle out of the out of the out of the  
violin and guitars supplied by the  
missionary and his wife, who were  
present, was excellent. The hostess  
was a kind and helpful.

There were two other farms near  
this one, and as is usually the case  
in small communities, they all were  
at enmity with one another. The  
people who had entertained the  
men owned a car, and when return-  
ing from a drive would often find  
broken glass strewn on the road.  
Somebody's idea of a nice, affec-  
tionate welcome home.

The men slept under the stars  
that night as they did on the two  
preceding nights. The trip was  
successful, and the morning at seven  
o'clock the river boat waver  
passed, pushing a long scow ahead  
of her. This launch is at present  
the only one doing freighting on  
the river.

The survey party got away to an  
early start and after two hours  
traveling arrived opposite Fort St.  
John. There is not much river seen  
at the river, the Hudson's Bay post  
and settlement being a few miles  
back. The thousand horse-power  
steamer D. A. Thomas (named after  
Lord Rhonda) had been stranded  
on a bar there since last July.

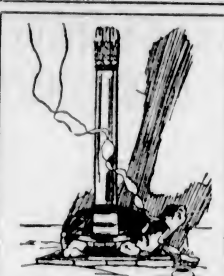
DRAMATIC INCIDENT  
It was at this point that the jour-  
ney nearly came to a sudden con-  
clusion. In order to keep in deep  
water it was necessary to hug the  
left bank until about thirty feet  
from a sunken dredge, then to turn  
at right angles and pass in front  
of it. The water was very fast then  
and as luck would have it the en-  
gine stalled as the boat was cutting  
across. It was carried broadside  
into the dredge, smashing with ter-  
rific force into two steel uprights.

## FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY

(From The Daily British Columbia, December 8, 1979)

A company has been formed in Glasgow, Scotland, to operate in the West  
Indies and to develop the resources of the islands of the West Indies.  
The company is called the West Indies Development Company, Ltd., and  
its headquarters are in Glasgow. The company is to be a public limited  
company, and its capital is to be £1,000,000. The company is to be  
managed by a board of directors, and its business is to be the develop-  
ment of the resources of the islands of the West Indies. The company is  
to be a public limited company, and its capital is to be £1,000,000.

## Jois From Geography



MEMORIAL tablet of Yung  
Loh, the greatest of the  
Ming Emperors of China, is a  
simple shaft of wood surmounted  
on the finest marble tortoise in  
the land. The gold lettering on  
the shaft tells that Yung Loh  
fortified Peking, and made it  
China's capital, besides making a  
compilation of encyclopaedias  
with 11,100 volumes.

Happily, one of the men managed  
to break the force of the blow by  
ramming his pole against one of  
the uprights. As it was, the side  
of the boat bent in to almost break-  
ing point and dipped to the water  
level. One of the men, "Skookum"  
Davidson, remarked, "I don't  
trifflingly, when they were at last  
clear, 'Thank God we didn't wreck  
her or they'd have said we were all  
drunk!'"

There was little to be seen of the  
surrounding country from the river.  
The north bank was bare and very  
similar to Kamloops side hill; the  
south was scantily timbered. The  
sun shined more on the north bank  
is the reason for this difference.

Further down the party passed  
Taylor's Falls where the Govern-  
ment ferry (a scow fastened to a  
motorboat) was crossing some  
horses and a truck. This ferry is  
the connecting link between the  
road from Peace Coulee and Rolla,  
and that from Port St. John to the  
Peace.

A stop for lunch was made on the  
Alberta boundary, which is marked  
by a wide sky line.

Engine trouble cut down the next  
day's mileage. A moose swam the  
river just in front of the boat in  
the afternoon. Nothing else of in-  
terest occurred till the following  
morning when Dunvegan was  
reached.

Dunvegan at one time entertained  
hopes of being on the railroad.  
Justly, since the line from Edmon-  
ton to Peace River Crossing and  
Grand Prairie, E.D. & B.C. stands  
for Edmononton, Dunvegan & B.C.  
It never reached Dunvegan, let  
alone B.C. There is a cable ferry  
at Dunvegan.

In the early afternoon a monument  
on the bank of the river com-  
memorating Sir Alexander Mac-  
kenzie's passage up the Peace in  
1792 was passed and also an old  
Catholic Mission.

At three o'clock the steel bridge  
at Peace River Crossing came in  
sight and there the trip ended.

There was a glorious sunset that  
evening. A purple mist lay over the  
prairie and the western horizon was  
like a living flame. It was a sunset  
such as is only to be seen on the  
northern plains.

## The Rhyming Optimist

By Aline Michaels

SOLITUDE  
One dwelt remote in solitary place.  
All comradesless from fragrant  
morn till dark, he saw no brother's  
face.  
Day after day he saw no brother's  
face.  
His confidante the rose, his friend  
the lark.  
Each flower, each dog, each lamb  
with plaintive bleat  
His care enfolded and his love  
caressed.  
And one passed daily down a city  
street,  
Where youth and power and  
pride his shoulders pressed;  
Fair Love stretched fingers rosy as  
the day,  
Wan Want went hand in hand  
Unheeding all alike he went his way,  
Nor heeds, nor any of life's count-  
less host  
Could ever on his shadowed heart  
intrude.  
For there, enthroned, dwelt sol-  
litude.

## MINISTER LEAVES FOR CONFERENCES

Hon. J. Hinchliffe Gathers Data  
Preparatory to Legislative  
Session

Hon. J. Hinchliffe left yesterday  
afternoon for the Mainland, where  
he will be occupied with matters af-  
fecting his department until nearly  
the middle of the week. He has  
some matters of detail to attend to,  
which were to occupy him last eve-  
ning.

On Monday he will meet the joint  
committee representative of the  
Union of British Columbia Munici-  
palities and the British Columbia  
School Trustees' Association, which  
is lending him every assistance in  
the solving of the taxation question  
connected with the schools of the  
province.

He has met with them before and  
discussed the problem, but it was  
agreed that they would secure  
further material relative to this  
troublesome problem, and present  
it to the minister at a later meeting.  
This is the reason of the approach-  
ing conference on Monday.

On Tuesday the Minister of Edu-  
cation will hold a meeting with the  
governors of the University of Bri-  
tish Columbia, when the subject of  
the requirements for the coming  
year will be discussed. This will  
form the basis for the preparation

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Father: Young man, I understand you made advance to my daughter. Son: Yes, I didn't intend saying anything about it, but since you mention it, I wish you could get her to pay me back.

## MR. J. B. MUNRO TO BE ROTARY CLUB SPEAKER

Deputy Minister of Agriculture Will Discuss "Seed Situation in British Columbia" on Thursday Next

TWO CLUBS WILL HONOR COL. PECK



MR. J. B. MUNRO

CLUB CALENDAR

MONDAY—Gyro Club, Empress Hotel, luncheon, 12:10 p.m.

MONDAY—Kiwanis Club, Chamber of Commerce lounge room, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY—Kiwanis Club, Empress Hotel ballroom, luncheon, 12:10 p.m.

TUESDAY—Round Table, Empress Hotel, supper, 6:15 p.m.

THURSDAY—Rotary Club, Empress Hotel ballroom, luncheon, 12:10 p.m.

FRIDAY—Canadian Club, Dominion Hotel dining-room, luncheon, 12:45 p.m.

Mr. J. B. Munro, deputy minister of agriculture, will address the Victoria Rotary Club at its luncheon meeting next Thursday at 12:10 o'clock in the Empress Hotel ballroom on the subject: "The Seed Situation in British Columbia."

Mr. Munro will also present the prizes to the winners of the annual Rotary seed growing contest for children on the southern end of Vancouver Island, who will be guests of the clubmen at the luncheon. Mr. Norman Rant, chairman of the committee in charge of the competition, will also address a few words to the gathering.

The Rotarians had a most successful cabaret function last week, when a splendid programme of entertainment was greatly enjoyed. One of the feature events of the fete was the group of dances given by pupils of Miss Nell Thacker.

TO TELL OF TRIP

Colonel C. W. Peck, V.C., D.S.O., M.P., who commanded the 14th Canadian Scottish Battalion in the Great War, and who yesterday returned from attending the Prince of Wales dinner in London to holders of the Victoria Cross, will be feted by two service clubs in Victoria this week. He will be guest of honor and speaker at the Gyro Club's luncheon tomorrow at noon, and at the weekly luncheon of the Kiwanis Club on Tuesday at 12:10 o'clock. Both gatherings will take place in the Empress Hotel.

The Gyro Club will hold its big Christmas dinner party on Monday night, December 16, in the Empress Hotel ballroom. Dancing will be indulged in from 7 o'clock until midnight, with entertainment features and an address by Mr. B. C. Nicholas included on the programme. The annual meeting and election of officers will take place at a supper meeting on Monday, January 13.

There are 309 cities in Canada and the United States which this year have added new playground and recreational facilities due to Kiwanis Club enterprise. Clubs in these communities purchased ground sites and equipment, built swimming and wading pools and engaged instructors and supervisors. Health clinics were established and doctors, who are Kiwanians, lectured to parents on child hygiene. Expenditures in aggregate for these activities ranged from \$2,000 to \$40,000 per club.

"The Use and Abuse of the English Language" is the theme of the discourse which Very Rev. Dean G. S. Quinlan will deliver to members of the Victoria Table of the Royal Knights of the Round Table, at their supper meeting on Tuesday night, at 8:15 o'clock, at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. Graham Spry, national secretary of the Association of Canadian Clubs, is expected to arrive in Victoria this week and will confer with members of the executive of the

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## May Yet Run for Saanich Board of School Trustees

IN the issue of The Daily Colonist, published Tuesday, November 26, it was stated that Trustee W. P. Jeune had definitely decided not to stand for next year's election of the Saanich School Board. The statement, at that time, was no more than the truth, but Mr. Jeune has since been so inundated with protests from people all over the municipality, that he is at present reconsidering his decision, and told The Colonist yesterday morning that he may yet enter upon a third term of office.

Mr. Jeune headed the polls when he was elected to the board two years ago, and has distinguished himself during the intervening period as a straight talker and a fearless defender of his own principles.

Men's Canadian Club on either Wednesday or Thursday afternoons. He is the first permanent secretary ever secured by the national organization, and has occupied his present post since 1926. On a former visit here, he addressed the local club.

## Obituary

MCGINNIS—The death occurred last evening at St. Joseph's Hospital of Mrs. Mary Ellen McGinnis, widow of the late Mr. John McGinnis, of 938 View Street. The late Mrs. McGinnis was seventy-one years of age, born in Ontario and a resident of this city for the past forty-five years. There survive two sons, Fred and John R. McGinnis, at home, also two brothers in Ontario. The remains are resting at the Saanich Funeral Chapel at present and mass will be celebrated at St. Andrew's Cathedral on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. Rev. W. O. L. Smith, and the remains will be laid to rest in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery.

SELICK—The funeral of the late Mrs. Jennie Slick took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Thomson Funeral Home, 1025 Quadra Street, Rev. O. L. Hall officiating. There were many friends present and the casket and hearse were covered with beautiful floral tributes. The hymns "Nearer, My God, to Thee" and "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" by Mr. Lawton Partington presided at the organ. The following acted as pallbearers: J. Blair, B. Crowl, G. Mills, F. Johnson, A. C. Wilson and Williams. The remains were laid to rest in Ross Bay Cemetery.

GREGORY—Funeral service for the late Albert Edward Gregory will take place Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Thomson Funeral Home, Rev. Dr. Sippell will officiate. Mr. Gregory was fifty-nine years of age, a native of England and a resident of Victoria for the past nineteen years. He is survived by one son, F. W. E. Gregory, of Victoria, and a sister in England. Interment in the family plot in Ross Oak Cemetery.

HENLY—The remains of Mrs. Margaret Jane Henly were laid to rest in Ross Bay Cemetery yesterday afternoon, the funeral taking place from Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel at 2 o'clock. A large number of friends were present and the casket and hearse were covered with beautiful flowers. The pallbearers were Messrs. J. Henly, W. H. Cox, H. J. Steves, W. Mills, F. H. Ross and W. S. Duncan.

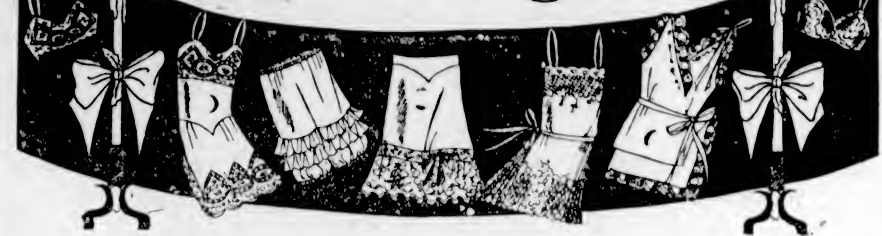
FOLGER—The funeral of Captain Albert Coffin Folger took place from Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. A. deB. Owen officiating. Among the many friends attending were a number of his seafaring associates. The pallbearers were as follows: Captain C. I. Harris, Captain M. McMillan, Captain W. H. Cox, H. J. Steves, W. Mills, F. H. Ross and W. S. Duncan.

PRIDHAM—Many friends attended the funeral of the late Edward Pridham, which took place yesterday afternoon from McCall Bros. Funeral Home. Rev. Thomas Keyworth conducted the service during which the hymns "O Happy Day" and "Nearer, My God, to Thee" were sung. Interment was made at Ross Bay Cemetery, with the burial service by Rev. A. deB. Owen. The pallbearers were Messrs. J. P. John and C. Post.

DEAN—The funeral of Mrs. Ellen Jane Dean, who passed away last Tuesday at the Royal Jubilee Hospital took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Saanich Funeral Chapel. Relatives and friends were in attendance and many beautiful flowers covered the casket and the floral racks at the chapel. Mr. H. J. N. de Sade officiated and Mrs. Stokes sang a solo entitled "Saw Ye My Saviour," written by Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy. Messrs. A. W. Pitcheley, C. S. Marchant, R. H. Wilson, A. Riddle and W. Blunderlie acted as pallbearers and the remains were laid to rest in the Royal Oak Burial Park.

HILLBORNE—Mr. Joseph Lundy Hillborne, a fox breeder of Sooke Road, Colwood, died at his residence yesterday morning shortly after 10 o'clock. His death followed a lengthy illness which was brought on by a paralytic stroke some weeks ago. For many years he had been a resident of Victoria, having been interested in the nursery business here. He was married by his second wife, one son, B. H. Hillborne, of Vancouver, and one daughter, Miss Eva Hillborne, of Sooke Road; also one adopted son, Mr. Alfred A. McLachlan, of Sooke Road. The late Mr. Hillborne was seventy-one years of age, born in Arcadia, Ont. The remains are resting at the Saanich Funeral Chapel and will be removed Tuesday noon to his home at Sooke Road, where the funeral will take place on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Dr. W. J. Sippell and Rev. Daniel Walker will officiate and the remains will be laid to rest in the Royal Oak Burial Park.

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Mr. A. Jaffray, 84 Cadillac Avenue, reported that five ten-dollar bills had been taken from a bureau in one of the bedrooms of his home. Returning home at 10 o'clock on Friday night, Mr. Jaffray heard footstep upstairs, which he believed to be those of his son. This assumption was found to be incorrect when later a stranger ran down the stairs and out of the front of the house. Mr. Jaffray saw a sedan car drive away. The burglar had apparently worked downstairs first as the room there were all lousy-trovry.

The home of Mrs. L. McEwen, 3704 Earl Grey Street; Mrs. A. Ward, 3724 Harriet Road; Mrs. A. Griffiths, corner of Quadra Street and Palmer Avenue; Mr. W. T. Spence, 859 Phoenix Street, and Mr. Carver, Carey Street, have it understood, been entered, but nothing taken.

Following this epidemic of burglaries, a warning has been issued to householders by police departments to lock their doors and windows at night and not leave any money loose in the house.

## INTEREST WANES

Religious Instruction Classes Have Been Abandoned for Lack of Support by Pupils

The extension of public school hours in the upper grades and an increase in after-school activities, have led the authorities of Christ Church Cathedral, with the consent of parents concerned, to abandon the experiment of conducting week-day classes for religious instruction in the Memorial Hall.

The classes were begun five years ago when the public schools closed at 3 o'clock and were held daily from 3:45 p.m. in the Memorial Hall. Boys and girls attended from a number of public schools in the district, the highest number enrolled being 118. The instruction and

use of the gymnasium afterwards, were free to all, irrespective of religious affiliation.

During the past two years, the addition of subjects in Grades 7 and 8 in the public schools, and the extension of organized games and other activities, have resulted in a steady decline in attendance at the Memorial Hall classes. Children frequently arrived late, and their attendance became most irregular.

After making a study of the situation, the Cathedral authorities and the Diocesan Board of Religious Education, concluded that it was hardly just to expect children at so late an hour in the afternoon to be alert and keen for religious studies. This decision was confirmed by parents, who attended a meeting held last week in the Memorial Hall.

During the past five years a number of teachers have assisted in carrying on the work, both in the classrooms and in the gymnasium. The greater part of the instruction in the classroom has been given by Miss M. E. F. Watt, whose work has been highly appreciated by parents and children.

## FUTURE POLICY

The Cathedral authorities have announced that the abandonment of the week-day classes will be followed by a fresh study of the whole question of religious education. Arrangements have already been made for the formation of study groups to meet early in the new year, to which parents and teachers will be invited.

It is at present proposed that some of these groups will consider the responsibilities of parents for the religious training of their own children in the home, and will seek to discover what assistance may be needed by parents to attend to this work more fully and effectively. Others will make a study of the problem of Christian education in its broader sense, and will endeavor to secure the viewpoint and opinions of parents, public school teachers and others interested. The question of improving the work of Sunday schools will also be considered.

## Veterans' Column

By A VETERAN

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday—The executive council of the Pro Patria Branch of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., will meet at 8 o'clock.

Tuesday—General meeting of the Pro Patria Branch of the Canadian Legion at 8 o'clock. Delegates who attended the Dominion convention at Regina recently will make their reports.

Wednesday—Pro Patria Branch weekly dance from 9 o'clock to 12 o'clock.

Friday—Pro Patria Branch weekly drive, commencing at 8:30 o'clock.

Christmas Party—The annual Christmas party of the Pro Patria Branch of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., will be held in the auditorium of the clubrooms on December 28. All members wishing their children to attend are advised to file the names and ages of their children with the secretary immediately.

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## City &amp; District

Roof Fire—A roof fire at 907 Blanshard Street at 7:28 o'clock last night was extinguished by the Victoria Fire Department before any serious damage resulted.

Cannery Meet Executive—Members of the executive of the British Columbia Cannery met the members of the Government yesterday morning for the purpose of presenting to that body certain details connected with the industry in the province.

To Attend Church—The Lieutenant-Governor and Miss MacKenzie have accepted the invitation of Rev. George Pringle and will attend the fourteenth anniversary service of the H. at Centennial Church this evening.

Oak Bay Court of Revision—It has been announced that the Oak Bay Court of Revision on the municipal voters' list, for the year 1930, will be held in the Municipal Hall, Oak Bay, on Tuesday, December 10, at 5:15 o'clock.

Town Planning Commissions—In forwarding to the Government the suggestion to establish a central control authority over provincial town planning commissions, the Vancouver branch will suggest that the central authoritative body should be located in Victoria.

Transfers and Sales—City Assessor George Okell states that sales and transfers of Victoria property between January 1, 1929, and November 28 last, totaled \$5,018,989 on the changes recorded at the Land Registry Office for the period. Both business and residential property are included in the total, with actual sales comprising the greatest proportion of the total recorded.

Addresses Engineers—Premier Tolmie left for Vancouver yesterday afternoon to be present at a dinner given by the Association of Professional Engineers. Mr. Tolmie will henceforth devote his attention to the preparation for the approaching session, and for that reason finds it necessary to refuse to appear at functions which will take him away from the capital.

Freight Rates Case—Mr. Leon Ladner, K.C., M.P., was in the city yesterday conferring with the Premier relative to the freight rates case, which is now before the Canadian Privy Council. Mr. Ladner announces that a postponement in the date upon which the Privy Council will consider the appeal has taken place, and it is not now likely to get before that body until about January 25.

Japanese and School Taxation—Hon. J. Hinchliffe, Minister of Education, intends to study the problem of the Japanese residents of Richmond, Steveston, their centre, being within that municipality in regard to school services, during his present visit to the Lower Mainland. The difficulty is to secure a basis of contribution to educational costs by Japanese parents who are not able to pay practically as much as the white. The minister is informed there is no intention of the Japanese to evade the issue.

Campaign of Education—The policy which the B.C. Telephone Company will adopt in the forthcoming months to educate the people of Victoria and district to use the dial system will be outlined by Major Hamilton, the vice-president and general manager, when he meets the Chamber of Commerce directors on Friday to explain the installation of the system in this area. It is the intention to conduct an intensive education campaign over several months, so that the public may be prepared for the alterations when the new system is operating.

Success of Local Poultry—Among the prize-winning poultry at the Provincial Poultry Show held in Vancouver last week were a number of exhibits by Mr. J. Sarlat, 3317 Tennyson Avenue. Special prizes secured were for best male and female, best cockerels, best pullet in show, best hen in show, best pair of particular, best pen, male and female, French; best pen, male and female, Polish; best pen, male and female, Hamburgs. In all, Mr. Sarlat won twenty-one firsts, nine seconds, seven thirds and six fourths.

A.O.U.W. Elects Officers—At a meeting held on Friday, in the K. of C. Hall, Victoria, B.C., the A.O.U.W. elected officers for the ensuing term as follows: Worshipful Master, Bro. C. J. Wrigglesworth; foreman, Bro. R. Y. Williams; over-seer, Slater Borde; secretary, Bro. J. M. Stansby; treasurer, Bro. G. McCutcheon; financial secretary, Bro. C. T. Wrigglesworth; representative to grand lodge, Bro. L. H. Borde; alternate, Bro. Luxton. After the election of officers, a carpet bowl match was played between picked teams from Victoria Lodge No. 1 and Vancouver Lodge No. 7, which resulted in a win for Victoria. A joint installation will be held on Friday, January 3 in the K. of C. Hall.

## Announcements

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A private sale of French novelties brought from Paris and England, suitable for Christmas presents, will be held at "Armadale" 241 Parka Street, on Wednesday, December 11, 3 to 6.

Women's Canadian Club—Lunch, Empress Hotel, Saturday, December 7, 12 noon. Speaker, Lady Clare Annetley, "Britain's Foreign Policy." Tickets, \$1.00 at Bourne's, Fletcher Bros. and Angus Campbell's.

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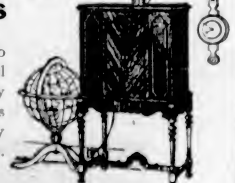
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## Col. Peck Is Home From V.C.'s Dinner

Colonel C. W. Peck, V.C., D.S.O., M.P.P., reached the city yesterday morning, arriving from the Mainland by airplane from Vancouver. He was accorded a most hearty reception on his return.

Hon. J. Hinchliffe, representing the Government of the province, was on hand to greet him, in company with Mayor Annetley, and officers of the Canadian Legion, and representatives of the Canadian Legion.

The colonel spoke in the highest terms of the reception accorded the Victoria Cross men on their visit to London to attend the Prince of Wales' dinner.

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# Social and Personal

## Personals, Parties Visitors

**Hosts at Reception**  
Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Senkler, Orchard Avenue, were hosts at a delightful reception last night in honor of the members of the Stratford-on-Avon Festival Players. Beautiful chrysanthemums were arranged throughout the house and on the supper table. Among others invited were Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Pemberton,

Mr. and Mrs. W. Wentforth Bell, Miss Frances Bell, Mrs. A. L. Harvey, Mr. Francis Pemberton, Major and Mrs. Bullock-Webster, Comte and Comtesse Jean de Suzannet, Mr. and Mrs. N. Rant, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Delves, Miss Joan Delves, Major C. Holmes, Mrs. Barnett, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Barrett, Mrs. R. Baird, Miss Martha Howan, Miss N. Dupont, Miss Agnew, Madame Sanderson-Mongin, Professor and Mrs. P. H. Elliott, Professor and Mrs. E. S. Farr, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Ketchen, Mrs. A. Creer, Miss Ashworth, Miss Cookerham, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. R. Hadley, Mrs. D. Warnock, Mr. W. Bunting, Miss Elsa Palmer, Miss Irene Long, the Misses Lucy and Amy Angus, Mrs. D. E. Campbell, the Misses Helen and Jean Campbell, Miss Rose Kirby, Miss Violet Wilson, Miss Allison Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Billings, Mr. Fowkes and Mrs. S. Barker.

**Leaves for Toronto**  
Mr. Martin Hodson has left for his home in Toronto, after a short visit to his cousin, Mrs. Kenneth Cunningham Moore.

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## Engagement Announced



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The engagement is announced of Ellen Daphne, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Gillespie, of Victoria, B.C., a granddaughter of the late Mr. George Gillespie and Mrs. Gillespie and also of the late Mr. J. H. Todd and Mrs. Todd, to Lieut.-Commander G. B. Barnes, R.C.N., son of the late Lieut.-Colonel G. E. Barnes, C.B.E., R.M.A., and of the late Mrs. Barnes, of Crofton, B.C. The wedding will take place on December 28.

**Dance for V.C.**  
In honor of Col. Cyrus Peck, V.C., and Mrs. Peck, a dance will be given by the members of the 16th Canadian Scottish officers' mess on Friday, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Miss Mackenzie will be present at the dance, which will be held in the mess rooms at the Armouries.

**Tea at Empress**  
Among those reserving tables for tea at the Empress Hotel yesterday afternoon were Mrs. Watson, Mrs. R. Baird, Miss Strath, Mrs. H. Bird, Mrs. W. G. Crawford, Mrs. Riley, Mrs. Mercer, Miss Tiltman, Messrs. Stacpole, McKenzie, Matthews and others.

**Leaves for Orient**  
Captain J. A. Duff Robertson, Wilmet House, sailed yesterday on the Empress of Canada to spend eight or nine months in the Orient.

**Metichosin Personals**  
Dr. Chester Brown, of the Quarantine Station, left on Thursday for Ottawa and expects to be gone several weeks.

**Miss Stretton entertained on Friday evening with two tables of bridge.**

**Miss Audrey Tremayne**, who for the past few days has been with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Tremayne, of William Head, has recovered from her recent illness and will return today to Shawinigan Lake, where she is attending school.

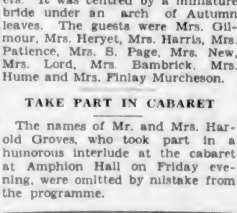
**Announcement**  
Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Stenland announce the engagement of their niece, Honora Theresa, to Dr. William Darby Higgs, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Higgs, Albert Head. The wedding will take place Saturday, December 28, at 8:30 p.m., in the Metropolitan United Church.

**From Osoyoos**  
Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Plaskett, of Osoyoos, B.C., are spending a few days at the Glenahed Hotel.

**Galileo Personals**  
In honor of Miss Eva Ambrose, whose marriage to Mr. Oswald New will take place shortly, Mrs. Victor Zala entertained at tea Wednesday. The tea table was presided over by Mrs. Twiss, Miss Betty Lord assisting the hostess, and was lighted by red candles in blue and silver holders. It was centered by a miniature bride under an arch of Autumn leaves. The guests were Mrs. Gil-mour, Mrs. Hervey, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Patience, Mrs. S. Page, Mrs. New, Mrs. Lord, Mrs. Bambrick, Mrs. Hume and Mrs. Finlay Murcheson.

**TAKE PART IN CABARET**  
The names of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Groves, who took part in a humorous routine at the cabaret at Amphion Hall on Friday evening, were omitted by mistake from the programme.

**Fashion Fancies**  
By Marie Belmont



Whoever said that "there is nothing new under the sun" certainly never lived in this modern day. For at last in fashion's realm we hear of something entirely new—and that, the "Sunday Night" frock. Doesn't it sound intriguing? It's a cross between a formal dinner frock, an afternoon gown and something less than an evening gown.

And one of the most charming ones seen is pictured here. Developed in black transparent velvet, it follows classic lines with its high waistline and princess silhouette. The long flaring skirt is achieved by a tucked treatment in V shape. Lace sleeves in the old puff fashion are an innovation and the neck is raked with matching lace. Really, it's lovely!

**Odd Fellows Meeting**  
All members of local lodges and visiting brothers are invited to an initiation ceremony to be held on Monday, December 9, at 8:30 o'clock, in I.O.O.F. headquarters, Douglas Street, when two prominent citizens will take their first step in Odd Fellowship, joining Victoria Lodge No. 1.

The degree team will report to the master immediately on arrival for instructions and a full attendance of Victoria Lodge No. 1 members is requested. All other business being secondary to degree work, a short business session is anticipated to enable the initiation ceremony to get under way promptly.

**L'ALLIANCE FRANCAISE**  
The fortnightly meeting of L'Alliance Francaise will be held on Friday afternoon at 1507 Laurel Lane, and will be the last meeting of the month.

**CONCERT TONIGHT**  
Under the direction of Mr. William Tickle, a musical programme will be given this evening at 8:45 o'clock at the Empress Hotel. The programme will be as follows: Overture, "Guarany" (Gomez); selection, "From the Highlands" (Lange); "Cello solo, by Mr. Harold Taylor; "Hungarian Rhapsody" (Popp); andante, "Fifth Symphony" (Tchaikovsky); by request, operatic, "Les Contes de Hoffman" (Offenbach); suite, "Ballet Egyptienne" (Lugini).

**ORPHANS' HOME ANNUAL MEETING**  
The fifty-seventh annual meeting of the subscribers to the B.C. Protestant Orphan Home will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 1920, at 4:30 P.M., at the City Hall, Victoria, B.C. for the purpose of considering annual reports, the election of a board of management, and transacting any other business in the interest of the society. Managers' meeting will follow annual meeting. A. RAYWARD, President. R. HAYWARD, Secretary.

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## Women's Institute Work Shows Notable Progress

The announcement yesterday that the Riverdale Women's Institute in the Pouce Coupe district has applied for incorporation, calls attention to the phenomenal growth which has taken place in institute work throughout the province during the past year. The total number of organized in British Columbia since the beginning of 1929 is fifteen. This brings the total number in the province up to 132.

With the conclusion of the last of the annual district institute conferences, Mrs. J. D. Gordon, Provincial President of Institutes, has released a statement concerning the activities of what are conceded to be a record year in the organization.

"Our total membership is about 4,160, showing an increase of more than 300 over last year," she notes.

Of special immediate interest is the organization of this Riverdale Institute, making the second in the Pouce Coupe district and the total of six for Central British Columbia. West Saskatchewan Women's Institute organized in October, was the first

in the Peace River country, and flourishing institutes were already in existence at Fort Fraser, Prince George, Terrace and Fraser Lake.

INTERESTING ADDITION  
Another interesting addition to the year's group is that at Lac La Hache, organized in October. This institute, situated south of Quaquel, at the 117-mile house, is the first to be established in the Cariboo.

Owing to the greatly increased number of institutes, the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture reduced the area by dividing each of the former districts in two and designating these new districts. This reduction, however, is more than offset by the increase in the number of delegates, as by a very happy arrangement, the Provincial Board of Health put on a programme featuring health work, attendance being doubled by the fact that the Agricultural Department and the Board of Health each supplied transportation of one delegate. Obviously the Government's action has the warm endorsement of the institutes, as the following resolution adopted at the South Okanagan district conference at its meeting in November implies:

"Whereas, we feel that the influence and effectiveness of the Women's Institutes of this province is in a large degree due to the splendid self-government provided in the Agricultural Act, the supervision, guidance and financial assistance received from the Department of Agriculture.

"Be it therefore resolved that this conference go on record in expressing satisfaction and deep appreciation of this help; also for the co-operation received from other Government departments, more especially the Departments of Health and Education, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the Minister of Agriculture and Provincial Officer of Health."

GOVERNMENT INTEREST  
Government interest in the Women's Institutes movement has been further attested to during the year by the attendance of and addresses

## Bays Will Hold New Year's Eve Party at Gorge

THE James Bay Athletic Association will hold a New Year's Eve party in its club quarters at the Gorge on Tuesday night, December 31, commencing at 9 o'clock. Reservations for the function may be made with Mr. T. D. Roberts, chairman of the dance committee, or Mr. Fouracre, the club secretary.

By Government representatives, including the Hon. J. Hinchcliffe, Minister of Education; the Provincial Officer of Health, Dr. H. E. Young; the speaker, Hon. J. W. Jones; Dr. L. E. Borden, M.P.P.; Capt. J. P. Simmons, M.P.P.; Mr. L. P. Champion, of the B. C. Products Bureau, and others.

Among the other notable speakers at institute conferences were Dr. Thompson, of the National Bureau of Health; Dr. R. Chisholm, Miss Fawcett, Miss Kerr, Miss Green and Miss A. C. Franklin, of London, England, secretary of the society for the Overseas Settlement of British Women.

The conferences, Mrs. Gordon states, "were without doubt the most successful and instructive ever held in the history of the institutes and several important resolutions were passed." She particularly referred to a resolution passed at the recent Okanagan district conference asking for an extension of the Mothers' Pension Act so as to include fathers left with a family in the event of the death of the wife. This resolution, it was reported, is being considered by every institute in the province. On the Lower Mainland a resolution was passed asking for a demonstration in the Fraser Valley of the traveling library scheme contemplated by the Carnegie Corporation.

The nine districts in which conferences were held during the year were at Nelson and Nakusp in the Kootenay; Courtenay and Victoria on Vancouver Island; Terrace in Central British Columbia; Salmon Arm and Kelowna in the Okanagan; Mission and Chilliwack in the Lower Mainland. The first conference of the year was held at Terrace, Pouce Coupe, unfortunately, was unable to be represented.

## PROGRESS REPORT

The Provincial Superintendent of Institutes, Mrs. V. S. Macdonald, in her progress report for the period January 1 to November 15, just filed, shows that nearly every institute sent delegates to the district conferences above enumerated. Following instructions from the minister, she had visited the institutes at Valder, Cortez and Whaletown, but being storm-bound at the last-named place for several days was unable to keep her engagements at Laso, Denman and Hornby. The Comox district institute disbanded in 1925, was reorganized in June, en route for the biennial conference of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada at Saskatoon, they visited the three institutes in the Bulkley Valley and organized a fourth at Fraser Lake. Returning from the conference via Cranbrook and Nelson she spoke at fourteen meetings in the Kootenay, and met representatives from nearly all the remaining institutes in that region. Since her tour three new institutes had been formed in the Kootenay.

In her report the superintendent noted that institute work directly inspired and assisted from her office during the year included children's garden contests, destruction of caterpillars contests, potato growing contests, pig and poultry clubs established, weed eradication contests, health exhibits, reorganization of the Othos Scott Endowment fund for crippled children; junior judging contests, and handicraft exhibits put on by the institutes branch at the Victoria and Vancouver exhibitions.

## Dance at Youbou

An enjoyable dance was held at Youbou Community Hall, Cowichan Lake, on November 30, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Howard, who are leaving the district to reside near Duncan. During the evening Mr. W. De Bou, superintendent of the Industrial Sawmills, referred to the service Mr. Howard had rendered as pianist for the community, and presented him with a gold watch and chain, also presenting Mrs. Howard with a bouquet of chrysanthemums and fern. For the past two and a half years Mr. Howard has acted as secretary and chairman of the Youbou School Board.

## Overheard on the Telephone

"Say, what about this concert?"

"Well, it's all right. I booked our seats at the Empress as soon as I heard Florence Hood and Jean Rowe were coming."

"But I got seats, too."

"Well it doesn't matter. Everybody wants to go. You can easily get rid of them."

"Let's use the seats ourselves, and make up a jolly party."

"Right on. We'll dine at the Empress first."

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## Wraps of Fur, Velvet and Lame



It requires no skilled interpreter of fashions to inform us that this is a romantic period of dress. The short wrap for evening in contrast to trailing skirts is a vogue of this late Autumn that is one manifestation of the new era.

The three-quarter or short wrap with distinct sleeves and swathed in a wrap or wrap-around, is one of the smartest complements to the filmy net gown, or the shimmering

metallé of lovely shadowy coloring. A wrap all in ermine is one destined for an impressive sartorial career, accentuating as it does all of the beauty and richness of the skirt undulating below it to extreme lengths even to a train.

Exquisite when worn over a frock of black net is the short coat of black velvet which usually is generally furred for contrast as in the cape model, centre, where a lavish

border of white fox edges the elbow-length cape. Sheer metals are so gorgeous in themselves that they have become an inspiration for gowns and wraps many times forming a rather magnificent ensemble. Green and gold lame thus fashion both frock and coat in the model at the right, the coat finished on all edges with a banding of soft fox.

## TRIPLE WEDDING AND HONEYMOON

Three Sisters Are Married Together and Will Occupy Adjoining Apartments

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Dec. 7.—What was to have been a double wedding at the last minute became a triple ceremony, at midnight, when three sisters decided they would rather marry together than live together in a cozy apartment here for several years.

The brides, before their marriage last night, were the Misses Gladys, Mildred and Barbara Hance, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Hance, of Gouverneur, N.Y. Their husbands are Russell Hance, William Lawson and William Leiston, respectively. It had been previously agreed that Mildred and Barbara were to be married, Gladys, however, preferred to wait until Spring.

But after the guests had assembled for the double ceremony the sisters decided they couldn't be separated. Gladys' fiancé fortunately was among those present, and it took but little urging to induce the couple to make it "three and out." So the preached waited while a licence clerk was routed out of bed. The three couples will occupy adjoining apartments here upon their return from a triple honeymoon in the Adirondacks.

## TICKETS SELLING FAST FOR DANCE AT YACHT CLUB

Arrangements for the dance to be held at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club on New Year's Eve are progressing apace and a large proportion of the available tickets has already been sold. It is anticipated that the supply of tickets will run out some time before the date of the dance and the special committee, which has been formed by club members to look after the arrangements, has stressed the necessity for making early reservations.

The success of the dance seems already to be an accomplished fact, partly by reason of the demand for tickets and partly because of the elaborate arrangements which are being made to ensure that the revival of this popular event will be an outstanding feature of the festive season in Victoria. A five-piece orchestra will supply the music.

## CANADIAN AUTHORS

The Victoria and Islands Branch Canadian Authors' Association will hold the December meeting on Monday, December 16, instead of on the usual second Thursday of the month. Through the courtesy of Mrs. J. O. Cameron the meeting will be held at her home, "Roseboro," 1089 Moss Street, when Mr. J. Murray Gibson, chief of the publicity department of the C.P.R. and founder of the Canadian Authors' Association and its first president, will be the guest of honor. Major L. Bullock-Webster will give an address on the recent convention of the League of Western Writers, which he attended in San Francisco recently, and there will be a musical programme. Members are asked to note the change in the date of the meeting.

Whittle was having his dining-room and his bathroom repapered. The men arrived to do the work just as he was leaving for the office. "Make a good job of it," said Whittle.

When he returned home that evening he found that the work had been done very well indeed. But the men had made just one small mistake.

"What are you going to do about it?" demanded Whittle, after he had laid a few other things. "I dunno, sir," replied the workman, scratching his head. "I'd willingly move the bath for yer, but that's a plumber's job."

The height of bad luck is to see a nice vacant parking space when one doesn't want to stop.

## House That Jack Built To Be Opened Monday For Sale of Novelties

On the corner of Government and Belleville Streets a charming store of novel pattern will be opened on Monday, Miss B. Stovel, the proprietress, has decided upon the quaint name of "The House That Jack Built" as eminently fitting the class of stock that will be carried. Every sort of novelty will be displayed, both for the present Christmas trade and also as souvenirs for tourists. Imported woolsens, Victoria-made pottery, and an exclusive line of handbags are but a tithe of the large assortment. A special feature will be free information given to tourists.

During his recent visit to Argentina, Resplight conducted his "La Compañia Sommersa" and gave several concerts of chamber music at Colon. He has promised the Wagnerian Association of Buenos Aires that he will write an opera to be produced in the concert hall which was recently opened there.

## ELKS DANCE SET FOR DECEMBER 20

Members of Victoria Lodge, No. 2, R.P.O.E. To Hold Christmas Cheer Fete in Shrine Temple

The Victoria Elks' Christmas Cheer dance will be held in the auditorium of the new Shrine Temple, View Street, on Friday night, December 20. A five-piece orchestra will furnish the music for dancing, which will be indulged in from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The committee, which is completing arrangements for the function, is composed of Messrs: Reginald Lott (chairman), Edgar Jones, R. W. Watson, Robert Malcolm, Robert Burns, Richard Metters, Joseph Levy, Douglas Gregson and Bert Best.

## Colwood Personals

Mrs. J. Paton, Mr. R. Paton and Miss Ina Paton, of Gravelbourg, Sask., have taken Mr. McIlwaine's cottage at Ocean Beach for the winter months.

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## Between Twelve and One

By VERNON LODER

CHAPTER I

The early holiday rush at the London terminus had subsided. The heavy freights of men, women, children, trunks, golf clubs and fishing rods, spades and buckets, had been cleared from the platform. The mid-day lull was over the place. There was a short spell of drowsy listlessness under the glaring glass roofs of the station, and heated porters mopped their streaming foreheads and counted up their spoils.

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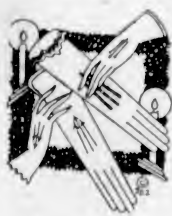
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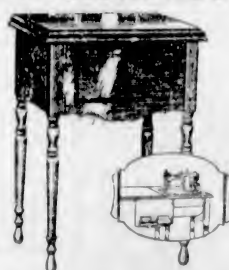
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Neckwear  
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Bridge Score Pads  
Wool Gloves

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Handkerchiefs  
Perfumes  
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Rope Beads

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Toys  
Games  
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Gloves  
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Robin Hood Oats, large package with fancy tumbler — 35¢  
Heinz Spaghetti, 2 tins for — 19¢  
Jif Soap Flakes, 2 large packets — 31¢  
Libby's Pork and Beans, 2 1/2 lb. tin — 10¢  
Velveta Cheese, 1/2-lb. carton for — 19¢  
Holsum Strawberry Jam, 200 only 2-lb. jars, each — 30¢  
Our Own Groceries Tea, India and Ceylon Blend, lb — 49¢  
Australian Sultanias, per lb — 12¢  
Reclenched Currants, per lb — 12¢  
New Shelled Walnuts, quarters, per lb — 35¢  
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—Main Floor, HBC

### Men's Gifts in the Drug Section

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# Varied Activities of Women

## Society Notes From Vancouver

VANCOUVER, Dec. 7.—The marriage today of Miss Margaret King to Mr. Richard Shaw was a brilliant event, and attended by many of the younger society people of this city. Miss King had been feted at numerous social events prior to her wedding, among them being a tea handkerchief shower by Mrs. George Seymour and Mrs. Archie Seymour at the home of the former. Mrs. W. W. Boulton and Mrs. F. E. King presided at the urns, while serving were Miss Barbara Rankin, Miss

Pauline Lauchland and Miss Katherine Ireland. Another hostess for Miss King was Miss Frances Leigh, whose bridge afternoon was given on Monday. Mrs. Roderick Peck entertained at dinner on Wednesday for the bride-elect, while a luncheon was given by Mrs. William Hatfield, Mrs. Burpee Home and Miss Bertha Blair at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club on Wednesday. A theatre party, followed by supper, was arranged for Miss King and Mr. Shaw by Miss Margaret Wilcomb and Miss Ursula Maikin. Also feted the bride-elect was the luncheon arranged by Mrs. George D. Ireland on Tuesday at her home, when bronze chrysanthemums and harmonizing tapers were used for decoration.

### Tea Hostess

A special event of Friday was the tea given by Miss Betty Boulton at her home on Connaught Drive. Yellow chrysanthemums centred the table, which was lighted with yellow tapers in silver candelabra. Presiding at the urns were Mrs. William Hatfield, Mrs. Jack Crane, Mrs. Walter Owen and Mrs. Bruce Robertson. Serving the guests were Miss Katherine Ireland, Miss Barbara Rankin, Miss Pauline Lauchland, Miss Dalton Marpole, Miss Frances and Miss Gertrude Griffin, Miss Marion Robertson, Miss Margaret Wilcomb and Miss Kitty Tunn.

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SHIRRED crepes, shirred nets and shirred chiffons stand out in striking relief against the background of other dress fashions. One may have a frock conservatively detailed thus at the waist and hips, or go to such extremes as to be incased in rows of shirring from neck to hem.

Certainly shirring moulds as nothing else, yet is a graceful way of achieving and restraining fullness, and beginning with the afternoon mode this dressmaking device extends into formal costumes.

A little bit of shirring artfully applied distinguishes the Canton crepe dresses at the left and the right, the former having only a slightly dipping hemline and the latter going to extremes, approaching the more

formal aspect. A line of lace outlines the neck of model at the right. Both frocks are in the current autumnal shades, such as brown, red, English green, dahlia and, of course, black.

Some of the more exclusive and therefore expensive models in the shops are of chiffon, as Lavigne, shirred from waistline to well below the hips, with a cape collar and shirred to a point below the shoulders.

Just a bit of shirring is used on the centre dress of black dotted net, which details it as a very new design. This shirred effect is at the V neckline to soften the bodice front. The net is posed over a slip of self color and is trimmed with a bow at the shoulder and a mesh at the waist, both of crepe de Chine.

**Holds Reception**  
Mrs. Edward Douglas was hostess at a large reception on Friday afternoon, when she received at her home on Angus Drive. The tea table was presided over by Mrs. Robert

Kelly, Mrs. B. D. Gillies, Mrs. A. O. Bair, Mrs. D. M. Stewart, Mrs. J. S. Henderson and Mrs. W. R. W. McIntosh. Serving the guests were Mrs. Charles Foster Campbell, Mrs. James Macdonald, Miss Florence Livingston, Miss Doreen Bair and Miss Margaret Smith.

**Returns Home**  
Miss Betty Ward has returned to her home at Douglas Lake after spending a few days in the city, the guest of Mrs. A. T. MacLean.

**Bridge Luncheon**  
Mrs. Ronald Matland was hostess on Friday at a bridge luncheon at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club in honor of her sister, Mrs. S. C. Young, of Port William, Ont., who will be her guest until after Christmas.

**Farwell Party**  
In compliment to Miss Katherine Harrison, who will leave shortly for a trip around the world, Miss Marjorie Bulley entertained at dinner and bridge Monday evening. Covers were laid for Mrs. William Bulley, Miss Beatrice Merritt, Miss Elizabeth Silbernagel, Mr. Tony Power, Mr. J. Henson, Mr. Stanley Kapell, Mr. Dick Leckie and Mr. Kenneth Bulley. A bridge luncheon was given on Tuesday in honor of Miss Harrison, when Miss Margaret Gillies was hostess.

**Club Entertains**  
In compliment to Sir John and Lady Martin Harvey, the Women's Canadian Club entertained at luncheon on Tuesday, when Miss Margaret S. Ross, president, occupied the chair.

**Informal Tea**  
Miss Marie Richardson entertained informally at the tea hour for a number of friends.

**For Miss Harrison**  
Mr. Fred Evans entertained on Wednesday evening at dinner in honor of Miss Katherine Harrison, at his home on South Granville.

**Afternoon Reception**  
Among the charming affairs of the earlier part of the week was the reception given by Mrs. Charles D. Macaulay in Hotel Georgia. The tea table, which was decorated with pink chrysanthemums and tapers in silver candelabra, was presided over by Mrs. George Black, of the Yukon, Mrs. J. B. Pattullo, Mrs. Harry Wallbridge and Mrs. Henry Macaulay. The hostesses were assisted in receiving by Mrs. Robert Perry Davy, while Mrs. M. J. Gillespie and Mrs. Charles McLean, Jr., cut the tea, assisted by Mrs. George F. Ellis, Miss Alfreda Thompson and Misses Macaulay.

**Returns Home**  
Mrs. A. D. McRae and Mrs. R. P. Barker have returned to the city after a visit to the East.

**Meeting of Club**  
The monthly meeting of the McBride Conservative Club will be held in the clubrooms, Sons of England Hall, Broad Street, on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

What good did it do to be grouchy today?  
Did your surly drive any troubles away?  
Did you cover more ground than you usually do?  
Because of the grouch that you carried with you?

If not, what's the use of a grouch or a frown.  
If it won't smooth a path or a grim trouble down.  
If it doesn't assist you, it isn't worth while.  
Your work may be hard, but just do it—and smile.

## ALL MEMBERS OF ONE UNIT SAYS VISITOR

War Disastrous Alike to Victor and Vanquished, Lady Clare Annesley Declares to Local Club

### STIRRING ADDRESS GIVEN AT LUNCHEON

"Nowadays, we are beginning to realize that we are all members of one another, that the world is just one great economic unit. We are beginning to see that war is almost as disastrous for the victor as for the vanquished," declared Lady Clare Annesley, one of Britain's outstanding feminine figures in the Labor Party, who was the guest of the Women's Canadian Club at a luncheon held in her honor at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

Lady Clare's address, given under the title of "Britain's Foreign Policy," was an argument for peace, for settlement of international problems by arbitration rather than war, and to this end she not only showed the ghastly suffering and terrible cost of war, but the tremendous uses to which the resources of money and science, now directed to destructive ends, could be put.

"It would pay a nation better today to permit a dispute to go to international arbitration, even if they lose, rather than go to war, even if they should win," maintained Lady Clare in the course of her plea for support of the League of Nations. Citing some of the results of the last war which had been killed in action, she noted that in England there were today 2,000 blind and 6,000 insane ex-service men. And yet, according to those who ought to know, another war would be even more terrible because of the more awful inventions of destruction which had been made during the ten years which had elapsed since the cessation of hostilities. Lord Grey had pointed out long before the war how the mere fact of a nation's piling up armaments, even if on the more argument of security, had a quite opposite effect merely because it engendered a sense of fear in some other nation.

One responsible statesman after another had said that, if the League of Nations had existed in 1914, there would have been no world war. This should induce people to support the league and try to see that their representatives at Geneva were imbued with the idea of making it more influential and progressive than ever before.

### OVERWHELMING DEVASTATION

Lady Clare held out a picture of the overwhelming devastation which another war, with its terrible weapons of poison-gas and asphyxiating bombs, would bring even to the noncombatant part of the populations, for the war would be fought largely from the air, and war, dealing in millions of deaths, would scatter destruction over a vast area. On the other hand, if the inventions of science were used rightly, they could be made powerful instruments for bringing the nations closer together. Wireless and airplanes, instead of being weapons of destruction, should be means of making the world realize that all war is civil war.

"Looking at the past we see that, although we call ourselves civilized today, the cave man was able to do infinitely less harm from the point of view of maiming his fellow man than we do today. The strongest fleet in the world today is as useless as seaweed if attacked from the air. War has become such a dangerous thing that, unless we exterminate war, war will exterminate humanity," the speaker continued. Referring to the tremendous cost of such fighting, she said that the Admiral Rodney, Lady Clare noted that 200,000 working class houses could have been built at the cost of this ship. And such houses were needed in England, where thousands of families were living in homes of two rooms or less.

Europe looked across to the long unarmored boundary line between Canada and the United States and realized that it would be better if Europe could stop such a state of disarmed frontiers.

Lady Clare touched on some of the peace tendencies, not only in the schools, but in many parent associations throughout the world. A move was being made to give children non-military toys; the churches were emphasizing the work of the League of Nations. In London a few days ago a big peace meeting was held at which two bishops presided and a resolution was passed emphasizing the value of the League of Nations. "Those of us who have had the opportunity of going to Geneva to study at first hand the work of the League of Nations feel that it is the duty of every Government to do everything possible to forward the work of the league. That, perhaps, is the British foreign policy at the present time."

The speaker, who mentioned the heavy labor vote cast this year as compared with 1926, when they secured the support of only 52,000 of the electorate. The last vote rolled in 8,000,000 votes for Labor.

**WORK OF THE WOMEN**  
"It was greatly owing to the fine work of the women of England in the cause of peace that the Labor Party came into power this year," Lady Clare noted, subsequently describing the remarkable pilgrimage of women to London, "which had emphasized throughout the country the importance of the Kellogg pact, and brought it home to the people of England." The

## FOSTER BLOCK CHANGES HANDS

VANCOUVER FIRM HAS ACQUIRED PREMISES FOR BRANCH

Stationery Company Will Have Facilities for Vancouver Island Trade

Sale of the Foster Block, Government Street, for approximately \$25,000 to Clarke & Stuart, Ltd., one of the oldest stationery firms in Vancouver, was confirmed in Vancouver yesterday by Mr. Walter H. Roberts, of H. A. Roberts, Limited, who handled the transaction on behalf of the purchasers. It has been known for some time that the building has been sold.

"We have acquired the Victoria property," stated Mr. Robert S.

Stuart, secretary-treasurer of the firm, "for the purpose of taking care of our Victoria customers. We believe that Victoria's growth is a reflection of the rapid development taking place in Vancouver, and for that reason we have initiated a programme of expansion, of which this transaction is only the beginning."

Messrs. J. A. Walker & Co., Ltd., Victoria, represented the owners of the Foster building in the transaction.

One of Levinsky's customers was notorious for his slowness in meeting his liabilities. He simply would not pay for goods purchased. In desperation Levinsky sent the following letter:

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## Dr. Keppel, Director Of Carnegie Trusts, Lauds Missionaries

Recent Visitor Here Writes of Beneficent Work of Christian Missions in Elementary and Higher Education, Public Health, Hygiene and in Rural Sociology

## General Smuts Advocates African Medical Missions

WARM praise of the missionaries in Africa is given by Dr. F. B. Keppel, the president of the Carnegie Corporation, who was a recent visitor here in connection with the extension of library service in British Columbia. Dr. Keppel took a rapid trip not long ago through Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Southern Rhodesia and the Union of South Africa, all of these being parts of British East and South Africa, in order to see what might be done for the African natives under the terms of Mr. Carnegie's gift. Writing in the October number of The International Review of Missions, this distinguished authority said his first and foremost impression was of "the earnestness and devotion of the individual missionary. I do not recall a single incident of service which I could call perfunctory. Secondly, I would place the high quality of results obtained in view of the limitations existing."

Admitting that he had no general knowledge of foreign missions, Dr. Keppel begins his article with confessing that he "had entirely underestimated the importance of Christian missions as a factor in the development of peoples of low cultural level. In British Africa, at any rate, this is outstandingly the work of the missions in the fields of elementary and higher education, of public health and hygiene and in what may be called rural sociology. Such educational centres as Livingstonia in South Africa and the Currie Institute at Dondri in West Africa teach young men all sorts of useful trades, while the

young women receive training in domestic science. The foundation is laid for a self-supporting and renovated African community. These Christian missions shine as bright spots in the midst of African superstition and ignorance.

The co-operation between the Government and the mission is commented upon by Dr. Keppel. "The missionary has preceded the Government administrator. He is a permanent resident and officials naturally turn to the permanent resident for counsel, particularly since the latter has had so much direct contact with the Native, and in many cases is familiar with the language. The recognition by the Government that properly, peace and justice can only be built up on character and that character is dependent upon a living religious faith, has resulted in many of the Government giving large financial assistance to missions, as Dr. Donald Fraser has shown in his book 'The New Africa.' Because of this attitude the Uganda appropriation has risen from £20,000 to £30,000, and will soon reach £100,000 annually.

General Smuts, of Africa, is also a firm friend of missions. In a recent lecture at Oxford, he urged the missionary societies to fight the medicine man, whom he described as "the ruler of Africa today," with scientific and medical aspects of missionary work. "The medical mission," said the general, "is the mission for Africa." He was of the opinion, however, that "The Christian missionary, after a century of ceaseless effort, has not yet succeeded in making any deep impression on Africa, with the enormous progress and still rapid spread of Mohammedanism his success is not very striking."

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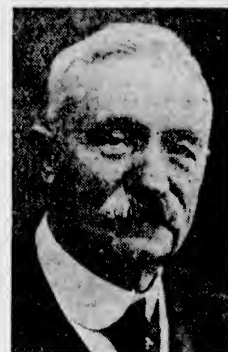
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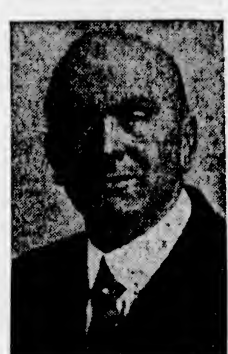
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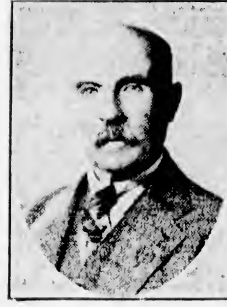
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Commenting upon this in The Scots Observer, Dr. Donald Fraser, the renowned veteran of African missions, states that "numerically, Christian missions have had far greater results than Mohammedanism. Uganda is more Christian than Mohammedan, though Islam was earlier on the field." In the matter of ethical standards, intellectual awakening and general national progress, Mohammedanism has little to show. Whereas they "are all over the record of Christian missions. Count the schools, the hospitals, and the results in better health conditions, the economic and industrial progress, and above all, the changed lives of men and women, and we stand amazed at the devotion of Christian missions have accomplished."

Canadians contribute to several African missions, but only on the West Coast and in the Sudan. The United Church of Canada, with its highly successful work in Angola, Portuguese West Africa, is the only major communion which has interests in the Dark Continent.



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Another clause declared that any unit might at any time decline to have any particular line of work promoted in its constituency without relinquishing its membership on the council, or preventing its promotion among other units.

The control of the council would be vested in a board of management, upon which all religious bodies co-operating would have representation. It was decided to hold another meeting on January 16, when the adoption of a constitution will be considered, and reports will be received from committees appointed to prepare for the training school in March. In the meantime, Mr. A. R. Merrix is acting-president of the council, Mrs. M. C. Wilkinson is secretary, and Mr. J. G. Simpson is treasurer.

### CFCT WILLING TO FIND RURAL HOME

Removal of Transmitter Several Miles From City Conditional on Paid Programmes

At a meeting of the Victoria Radio Club the announcement was made that CFCT, the Victoria broadcasting station, was willing to remove its transmitting apparatus several miles from the city if permitted to derive revenue from paid programmes, such as those for advertising purposes, but that without sufficient revenue from such programmes the expense involved could not be incurred.

A special committee, which had been appointed, reported to the club in favor of asking the Government to terminate the present prohibition of straight advertising programmes. The report was tabled for further inquiry.

The radio club has hitherto been on record as opposing advertising in programmes, but members expressed willingness to modify this attitude as regarding morning broadcasts.

SHORT WAVE LENGTHS  
S. J. Lawrence and members of the Short Wave Club were guests at the meeting. After proposals for affiliation had been discussed and abandoned the Victoria Radio Club offered to give the new body a short wave transmitter, receiver, sending apparatus and power transformer.

To attain early action by the Federal Government towards adoption of the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Broadcasting, the radio club has sent a circular appeal to local service clubs and other bodies, asking registration of their views at Ottawa.

"When a poor young man marries a poor young woman, that is love. But nowadays wealth—yes, even the thought of wealth—drives all ideas of marriage from your poor young man's head."  
Clarence Darrow, "The new Voltaire," was criticizing post-war morals at a dinner at the Blackstone in Chicago.  
"A young man," he went on, "said to a young girl one evening: 'I wish I had enough money to marry you.'"  
"The young girl's heart began to beat unsteadily and she murmured in a low, unsteady voice:  
"What would you do if you had?"  
"Throw up my job," said the young man, "and travel and sow wild oats all over the whole world."

## BIG FIVE PARLEY IS PREPARING

Disarmament Gathering Will Be Held in London Next Month

LONDON, Dec. 7.—Active preparations have started for the big five naval disarmament conference to be held in London in January. Ranking as it will with the Paris Conference and the Washington Conference of 1921, the London Conference of 1930 is expected to go down in history as the third great gathering of the powers after the World War. The Hague, Locarno, Geneva and half a dozen other place names of conferences held during the last decade are looked upon as lesser milestones on the long road to world peace and disarmament.

Ancient London will be host to France, Italy, Japan and the United States. Each participating country will be responsible for the housing of its own delegation; reservations in four of the finest hotels in the West End have been secured. Chief delegates, experts, advisors, clerks and secretaries will have in addition to their rooms suites for conference office work.

Official announcement of the exact location of sessions remains to be made, but of the two probable places, the Foreign Office in Downing Street or historic old St. James Palace, the latter the more likely, will be chosen. The great audience chamber where royal levees are held is the only room of its kind in London suitable for the plenary sessions. Half the space at these colorful gatherings will be reserved for newspaper men. Unusual facilities will be afforded news writers for picturing proceedings for readers throughout the world.

With five principal delegates expected to represent each of the five participating powers seated around the great conference table, a score of experts from each country in the background, a hundred or more accredited news reporters and members of the public who will have sufficient influence to obtain entrance tickets, the capacity of any available room will be taxed to the utmost. Starting the third week in January, the sessions will last from two to four weeks, according to plans being made.

### PATENT OFFICE BUSY

Work in United States Department Is About Six Years Behind

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 7.—The inventive urge the country over has placed the Patent Office five or six years behind in its work. The annual report of Commissioner of Patents R. Robertson, of the Patent Office, pointed out that while applications for patents pending before the board were decreased by 8,618, through the addition of examiners, 103,226 remained to be acted upon. "At this rate of speed," he reported, "it will take from five to six years to bring the backlog down to so that an applicant might obtain official action with reasonable promptness." The need for a larger personnel, he said, "is manifest" and asked for 100 more examiners.

"The plot thickens," said the old lady as she sowed the grass seed for the third time.

## Epidemic Breaks Out at Capital; Disease Is Mild

OTTAWA, Dec. 7.—Although nearly 100 cases of scarlet fever are being treated in the capital today, it is emphasized at the city health department only a mild form of the disease is prevalent. The condition of patients rapidly answers to treatment and Dr. T. A. Lomer, medical officer of health, is confident no serious spread of the mild epidemic will occur.

The unusually high total of scarlet fever cases, coupled with forty-six of diphtheria and nearly forty of chickenpox is taxing facilities at the isolation hospital. All wards are filled to capacity today.

"Yes," sighed the old gentleman, "women were always wanting new bonnets in my young days."  
"My wife wants one now," sighed the young husband; "one with a limousine behind it."

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## NIGHT CLUBS HIT SEVERELY

Stock Market Depression  
Has Impaired Demand  
for Bootleg Liquor in New  
York City

### BREAK IN PRICES QUICKLY FOLLOWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—For the first time since prohibition, New York is faced with a surplus of night clubs. The recent market decline, which took so much water out of stocks, has left little except water in the clubs. The lams shorn in Wall Street have made the champagne palaces the goat and now refuse to purchase anything except water in the places which only a few weeks ago were doing a roaring business in the roaring Forties and Fifties.

Not only have several night clubs closed, but the pinch has been felt by society bootleggers, catering to rich patrons, who find themselves with a lot of good liquor they are unable to dispose of. Imported champagne, which was selling a few days back for \$100 a case, is listed on the wholesale market at from \$70 to \$75 a case, while the same slash in prices applies to Canadian rye and Scotch. Rye it was reported, is now wholesaling at \$50-\$60, where it brought as much as \$80 before the bears began to hammer the market.

First grade Scotch which sold at \$60 to \$65 a case is now offered at from \$48 to \$50. All this is first class, uncut stuff and there are few takers. So serious is the wholesale liquor situation that big bootleggers expressed the opinion that the rum kings would be forced to look for the picture.

### MORE QUAKES

MANHATTAN, Texas, Dec. 7.—The third earth tremor within the past three months shook Manhattan and vicinity at 2 o'clock this morning. A single shock shook buildings and rattled windows. No damage was reported.

Many persons were awakened by the tremor, which also was reported at Wamego, about twenty miles east of here.

## Seven Aspirants for School Board Posts



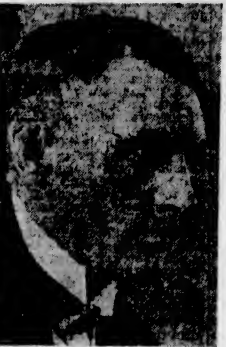
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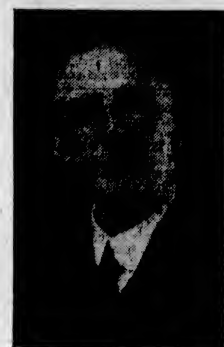
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### CABINET RESIGNS

WARSAW, Dec. 7.—The Polish Cabinet headed by Premier Swiatkowski resigned today. Premier Swiatkowski tendered the resignation of his Cabinet to President Moscicki, who accepted it and at the same time requested the ministry to continue in office for the time being.



CAPTAIN F. R. WRIGHT

### TROPICAL PLAGUES DAMAGE PAINTINGS

Fungi Attack Official Records of  
Epic Scenes During Construction  
of Panama Canal

BALBOA, Canal Zone, Dec. 7.—Tropical fungi which started to eat five great mural paintings here, sole official records of epic scenes in buildings of the Panama Canal, have been balked by chemists. The paintings show scenes now fifty feet under the canal waters, and gigantic construction comparable with pyramidal building. The artist who painted them, W. B. Van Ingen, of the Art School of Cooper Union, New York, supervised the fungi campaign, and some of the best chemical minds of America and Europe collaborated in the extermination. This latest outbreak of tropical plagues, which one after another

have been mastered in making the canal, differed from anything which modern art heretofore has faced. Fungi have attacked smaller paintings before, and have been killed by fumigation. But, entirely new methods, said Mr. Van Ingen, had to be devised for the canal murals, which cover 400 square feet, and have 800 pounds of white lead holding them to the walls of the administration building. The fungi are a vegetable parasite, a species of mould. Mr. Van Ingen said they spread in clusters of green and white, resembling damp talcum powder. In spots he found the paint apparently eaten down to the canvas less than fifteen years after the paintings had been completed.

Originally the paintings had been covered with a protective varnish of beeswax. This was washed off with alternate turpentine and alcohol baths. A wash of thymol was discovered to be effective in exterminating the fungi, even to the deep-seated spores. Then ammonia washed off the dead fungi, and the pictures were safeguarded for the future with a coating of paraffin mixed with thymol. Temperature records of ten years were examined to learn what mixture would keep the paraffin from melting or deteriorating.

Thymol is a compound found in oils of thyme and rosemary, and used as an antiseptic. It has an aromatic odor. An unexpected result was disappearance of worn spots.

"This," said Mr. Van Ingen, "was inexplicable but satisfactory. The paintings appeared as though they had been painted the day before, and there had not been applied a brushful of paint to them since 1915."

### San Francisco Chinese Leave Off Old Custom

That residents of San Francisco's Chinatown, the largest Chinese settlement outside of China, have discontinued the practice of shipping bodies of their deceased countrymen back to the Celestial Kingdom for interment in their native soil is the statement of a number of marine underwriters.

An article in an Eastern insurance paper quoted an official of the Fidelity Phoenix Insurance Co. at New York City as declaring that the practice of shipping bodies to China furnished a source of revenue to marine insurance companies, inasmuch as it is customary to insure the bodies.

Inquiry at San Francisco reveals that, while the marine companies formerly wrote a considerable volume of this business, there has been no demand for this particular form of insurance for several years, as the progressive Chinese in the western United States have been adopting the customs of Americans.

In former years a number of marine insurance offices at San Francisco insured bodies "F.P.A." at a rate of one per cent. The usual amount of insurance written was \$1,000, and marine men often wondered just how they would explain matters to the insured in the event of a partial loss.

The method in which the shipments were insured, covering only total loss, made the business profitable to the companies, and no San Francisco marine underwriter among those interviewed was able to recall a single instance in which a claim was made for loss or damage; in fact, the business was so good that some misguided underwriter commenced cutting rates, and dead Chinese were being insured for as low as one-half of one per cent, state the marine men.

Another custom formerly prevailing among the relatives of Chinese, who died on the Pacific Coast, notably the workers in the salmon canneries of Alaska, was the practice of employing coopers to salt the dead Chinese away in a huge cask and dispatch him to San Francisco to await shipment to the land of his sacred ancestors. The coopers in Alaska were paid from \$25 to \$50 for the work.

### TAX CUT PASSED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The Senate finance committee today reported favorably on the \$180,000,000 tax reduction resolution.

## MR. W. F. MACLEAN DIES AT TORONTO

Well-Known Canadian Journalist  
and Politician Is Dead After  
Only Short Illness

TORONTO, Dec. 7.—Mr. William Finlay MacLean, former proprietor of The Toronto World and dean of the House of Commons, died today. He was seventy-five years old.

Mr. MacLean had been ill for about ten days with heart complications. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

In the House of Commons Mr. MacLean represented East York from 1892 until 1904 and from 1908 to 1926 was member for South York as an Independent Conservative. He retired from political life in 1926 when he was defeated by Mr. Herbert P. MacGregor, the official Conservative candidate, in a memorable battle in which the Liberals did not participate.

He is survived by his son, Mr. Hugh John MacLean, and Mrs. Molly Sifton, wife of Mr. Harry Sifton.

### United Church New Hymnal Is Approved

TORONTO, Dec. 7.—The new hymnbook of the United Church of Canada has been approved by the executive committee of the General

## Seek Police Board Vacancy



COMMISSIONER WILLIAM WHITE



MR. ANDREW MCGAVIN

Council and will be placed in the hands of the publishers.

It is expected the new book will be ready for and given first use at the next General Council, to be convened in St. Andrew's Church, London, next September.

A flirt is a girl who makes up her face quicker than her mind.

"I knew a young fellow who went to sleep one night, and the next morning awoke a white-haired old man."

"Oh, come now! That's a tall one!"

"It's a fact. The young fellow was 'boots' in an hotel, and the white-haired old man was a guest."

## TO HAVE HIGHEST BRIDGE ON EARTH

Royal Gorge, Canon City, Will Be  
Spanned by Suspension Crossing  
1,853 Feet Above Water Level

CANON CITY, Colo., Dec. 7.—The famous Royal Gorge of the Arkansas River, near here, is to be spanned by a suspension bridge which will be the highest in the world. The Royal Gorge has been noted for its hanging bridge, one side of which is supported by trusses from the walls of the canyon. The hanging bridge was constructed in 1879, and pictures of it have been shown all over the world as an engineering curiosity.

The span of the new bridge will be 1,033 feet above the river. It will be 800 feet long, will hang from four towers, two on each side of the gorge, and will be supported by cables weighing 300 tons. With the exception of the flooring, the entire construction will be of steel. A highway is being constructed on the south side to connect with a road on the north side.

The highest bridge in the world at the present time is in France, with height of 465 feet. The highest bridge in the United States is that of Lee's Ferry, in the Great Canyon. The Royal Gorge bridge will be more than twice as high as those engineering feats.

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## Radio Has Taken Isolation From Life of Frontier

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### Loneliness of Wilderness Is Relieved by Wireless

BUSY, bustling, happy crowds, windows decked with sparkling tinsel and red, carol-singing on the street corners, and a thousand-and-one other spectacles go to make Christmas in a city a time of good cheer. The spirit of the season is abroad and it is an infectious spirit which takes a hard-headed Scrooge to withstand. Even to those who are popularly known as the "shut-ins," those in hospitals, those lying on sick beds at home, the spirit of friendliness and goodwill to men comes through an open door of sympathy and fellowship. But what of the "shut-outs"? Beyond the borders of civilization many a man this year, as in the past, will spend his Christmas alone. The dog-days of the season, cut off from physical contact with the rest of humanity, with many a mile of ice and snow and frozen forest stretching between him and his nearest neighbor.

To the trapper and frontiersman of Canada's frozen North there is little to distinguish the Christmas past, but the written word is not so complete. The great, red-letter day of the Christian world is checked off in order to keep track of time, in the Spring he may receive a belated Christmas card when he "goes out," but on Christmas Day itself he has little besides memory as a companion.

This, at least, was the picture of a wilderness Christmas which might have been painted only a few years ago, before the advent of radio into the Northland.

Today, however, the desolate scene is changed a little. The lonely cabin remains, the snow is still piled as high, the wind-bitten bush is still as inhospitable, but in many cases the corner of the Northlander's home is furnished with an unpretentious little wooden box containing five tiny Aladdin's lamps. The closing of a switch, and these little magic-makers will glow with life and place a world at the command of the lonely trapper. A little maneuvering of the dial will take him to the great cities of the continent where the glad festivities of Christmas are at their height, and he can join with his fellow men in celebrating the greatest event of the world's history. A special Christmas broadcast to the Far North has been undertaken for some years past by KDKA at Pittsburgh, but it is still a feature which stirs the imagination. Into the microphone the announcer will

Chief Announcer for Station KOA



MR. FREEMAN H. TALBOT  
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## Comedians in Happy Vein



A JOLLY moment in the lives of Gus and Louie, two of America's most popular comedians, who are featured with the Schradertown Band over the National Broadcasting Company system every Friday night at 9:30 o'clock (E.S.T.). Louie (Louis Mason) is left Arthur Allen plays the part of Gus. The program is heard through the following N.B.C. associated stations: WEAF, New York; WEEI, Boston; WTIC, Hartford; WJAR, Providence; WTAR, Worcester; WCHS, Portland; WGV, Schenectady; WGR, Buffalo; WCAE, Pittsburgh; WJL, Detroit; WSAI, Cincinnati; KSD, St. Louis; WOC, Davenport; WOI, Omaha; WRC, Washington; WLP, Philadelphia; WOP, Akron; WIBO, Chicago; and WDAF, Kansas City.

## Radio Broadcastings

By Courtesy of Radio Doing

### Sunday's Programme

CFMT, Victoria, B.C. (475.9m): 6:00-11 a.m., The morning service of the Victoria City Temple. 7:30 p.m., The West Coast Information Service, correct time signal. 7:30 p.m., The evening service of the Victoria City Temple, followed by the correct time signal and forecast and the resume of programmes for the week.

National Broadcasting Company—12 noon-1 p.m., National Youth Conference. 1:30-2 p.m., Philco Hour. 2:30-3 p.m., Philco Hour. 3:30-4 p.m., Philco Hour. 4:30-5 p.m., Philco Hour. 5:30-6 p.m., Philco Hour. 6:30-7 p.m., Philco Hour. 7:30-8 p.m., Philco Hour. 8:30-9 p.m., Philco Hour. 9:30-10 p.m., Philco Hour. 10:30-11 p.m., Philco Hour. 11:30-12 a.m., Philco Hour.

KNX, Los Angeles, Cal. (565.5m): 1:00-1:15 a.m., Musical programme of record.

KJRH, Seattle, Wash. (560.1m): 9:00-10:30 a.m., Musical programme of record.

KJRH, Seattle, Wash. (560.1m): 10:30-11:30 a.m., Musical programme of record.

KJRH, Seattle, Wash. (560.1m): 11:30-12:30 p.m., Musical programme of record.

KJRH, Seattle, Wash. (560.1m): 12:30-1:30 p.m., Musical programme of record.

KJRH, Seattle, Wash. (560.1m): 1:30-2:30 p.m., Musical programme of record.

KJRH, Seattle, Wash. (560.1m): 2:30-3:30 p.m., Musical programme of record.

KJRH, Seattle, Wash. (560.1m): 3:30-4:30 p.m., Musical programme of record.

KJRH, Seattle, Wash. (560.1m): 4:30-5:30 p.m., Musical programme of record.

KJRH, Seattle, Wash. (560.1m): 5:30-6:30 p.m., Musical programme of record.

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Monday's Programme

7:30 a.m., The morning market trends from the stock room. 8 p.m., The closing market quotations from the stock room. 8:15 p.m., The closing market quotations from the stock room. 8:30 p.m., The closing market quotations from the stock room. 8:45 p.m., The closing market quotations from the stock room. 9 p.m., The closing market quotations from the stock room. 9:15 p.m., The closing market quotations from the stock room. 9:30 p.m., The closing market quotations from the stock room. 9:45 p.m., The closing market quotations from the stock room. 10 p.m., The closing market quotations from the stock room. 10:15 p.m., The closing market quotations from the stock room. 10:30 p.m., The closing market quotations from the stock room. 10:45 p.m., The closing market quotations from the stock room. 11 p.m., The closing market quotations from the stock room. 11:15 p.m., The closing market quotations from the stock room. 11:30 p.m., The closing market quotations from the stock room. 11:45 p.m., The closing market quotations from the stock room. 12 a.m., The closing market quotations from the stock room.

Radio News

Out of some 28,000,000 homes in the United States, only 2,800,000 are said to have modern radio equipment.

Norman Baker, of Station KNTN, has started a listener's magazine known as "The Naked Truth."

Five radio manufacturers are reported to be doing 80 per cent of the business in the United States.

Loyola College gives a worthwhile musical and educational programme by remote control over KMG, Inglewood, daily except Saturdays at 12:30 p.m.

Wedgewood Howell, whose speedy "Playboys" Club, has been making listeners gasp for breath, is giving his programme over KFI from 5 to 5:30 every Tuesday and Friday evening.

C. Sharpe Minor, for many years a regular artist over Los Angeles radio stations and organist at several local theatres, now presides at the console of the Fox Theatre organ in San Diego. KFSD brings his morning programme daily at 11:30 to those fond of organ music.

KQW's Blue Diamond Studio in San Francisco originates the very popular "Nuts Cracker" programme which is broadcast every Saturday from 8:30 to 10 p.m.

The first radio tap dancing lessons to be broadcast regularly are a feature of the new "Reveille" programme which the National Broadcasting Company introduced and which will be KGO's regular morning greeting to listeners, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Fern Adams, of KGB, is responsible for the entertaining programme called "Favorite Piano Bits," which is broadcast over the San Diego station every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

Interest in the study of foreign languages by radio is greatly on the increase and the broadcasting stations are meeting the demand by devoting several hours a week to this type of programme. KFI offers four periods a week conducted by Annette Doherty, who gives Spanish lessons on Monday at 11:30 a.m., and Friday at 9:30 a.m.; French on Thursday and Saturday mornings at 11:45 o'clock. KFSD presents Hugo Escobar on Monday at 3:45 and Wednesday at 3:15 with lessons in Spanish. Senorita Lolita Lujan is on the air daily except Sunday and Saturday at 2:30 p.m. over KMTR with a Spanish programme.

Although KECA's local programme schedule is not yet complete, Glen Edmund's and his colleagues who recently returned from an around-the-world tour, are appearing before the microphone of the new station quite regularly around dinner time.

That base notes travel more rapidly than treble was the surprising discovery made by the N.B.C. engineers when the presentation of musical programmes through the coast-to-coast network was begun. No little difficulty resulted when it was found that treble tones arrived as much as three seconds later and produced intolerable effects as they clashed with the lower notes meant to be heard with measures to follow. Concerted experimentation in the laboratories of the telephone and radio companies has offset this and other difficulties of broadcasting via wire from the East.

A disregard of the Federal regulations requiring stations to announce their call letters every fifteen minutes is reported. As the night wears on, it is said, no one station in five announces its call letters at any near the proper intervals.

Most of the trouble which makes itself evident as hum, distortion, breakdown of resistors and improper voltage at the taps can be traced to poor design in the voltage divider.

A conservatory for the training of gypsy musicians only has been opened by the gypsies of Budapest, and already many musicians between the ages of six and thirty have been enrolled.

On a recent trip to Hungary a well-known music critic discovered that the members of the Budapest Gypsy Orchestra, one of the best of the city, could not read a note of music. Before they could play a new selection, they had to have their parts played or whistled for them a number of times. After that they played in full harmony from memory.

Arnold Bax, English composer, has written a sonata for the duo-pianists Ethel Bartlett and Rae Robertson, who will play it for the first time at their concert in New York in February.

The old lady had not been ill for forty years, and when she developed a "wet" foot (a bed with cold) a cough is described in parts of a letter to the editor. Her sons and daughters did their best to prevail upon her to have the doctor. But for many days she was adamant. It was only when symptoms became alarming that the family took the

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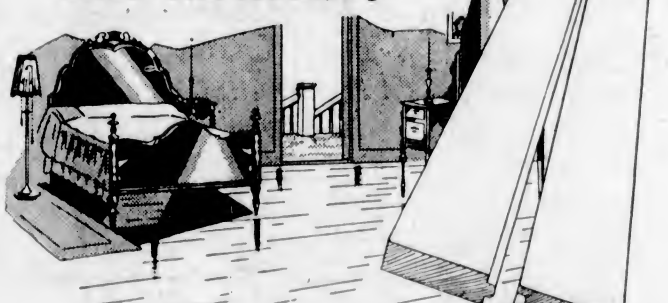
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law into their own hands and admit that the late visitor had been a doctor for a specialist. After his departure the family found the old lady the patient. "No, that ye mention sitting up in bed looking quite cheerful, 'Has the promoter gone?' she asked. Then the family confessed that

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## Summer Heat Is Greater in Arctic Than Farther South

Explorer Stefansson Slates Canadian School Textbooks for Grossly Misleading Impression Created of Northland Climate—Striking Facts Given as Proof

"If Canadians actually knew that there is twice as much heat in the Arctic Circle as at the equator during the summer, that wheat conditions are better at Fort Vermilion, 700 miles north of the United States boundary, than at the boundary, a national optimism would be developed throughout Canada that would have a tremendous economic effect," Vilhjalmur Stefansson declared recently before an audience in Yorkminster Church. Dr. Stefansson's lecture was the first of a number of distinguished men which have been arranged for this winter in that church.

"You can't reckon the length of summer in Canada by the calendar," he continued. "Though the temperature at the equator and Fort Yukon are the same, the heat at the equator lasts only twelve hours of the day, while in the North it lasts twenty-four hours. The sun works twice as long and does twice as much work in Canada as it does in Brazil." For that reason he stated that wheat would soon be grown far north of what is believed to be the limit, once the people of Canada overcome the "knowledge" of the North that they obtained from their school books.

He admitted that he himself had been "a victim of the average North American education and the variety of miscellaneous mis-information which characterized the American system," and even taught at Harvard what now he knew to be incorrect and absurd.

**FALLACIES ABOUT NORTH**  
He proceeded to blast several popularly held fallacies concerning the North—that the North Pole is the coldest place on earth, that the temperature there never rises above freezing, that Eskimos live in ice houses and drink oil, that there is no vegetation except a little moss and lichens, and no trees.

"Distance from the equator, from the ocean and height above sea level are all necessary to obtain a maximum cold," he went on, "and it is quite obvious that only one of those factors is present at the North Pole. At the farthest north point at which regular temperatures have been taken the greatest cold has been 52 degrees below zero, whereas coming south to Fort Vermilion, you get 72, and in Montana 68."

Summer weather 1,000 miles north of Edmonton is as warm as Edmonton, he said. At Lake Athabasca often it is 57 in the shade, and that is much worse than farther south, as the air is so humid and the heat lasts sixteen to nineteen hours of the day.

"Notwithstanding the fact that the Canadian and American weather bureaus have been registering temperature in the Arctic for twenty-five years that are often as hot as at the equator, the Canadian and American school books still say that 'it is always cold north of the Arctic Circle.' One publisher here in Toronto recently printed that because the sun is so slanting in summer it never rises above the freezing point in the Arctic. Why pay for such books and the registration of those high temperatures by the weather bureau up there at the same time?"

Referring to the amount of vegetation found, he stated that several hundred varieties of flowering plants live in the Arctic, that mosses and lichens are a very small percentage. "We found blue grass and timothy and dandelions as well as dozens of other plants on the farthest north island that has been trod by man, on my third expedition, on an island that had never seen even the Eskimo."

"As for the Eskimo, half of them have never heard of a snow house unless they have been to school. And the text books of four provinces say they have no books. That isn't giving much credit to the Moravian and Lutheran missionaries, who have been there for two hundred years. They don't tell you that

there is a magazine up there that is just as Eskimo as the Spectator is English, that has been published steadily since 1867. The truth is a great deal more interesting as well as having other advantages than this fiction."

In an effort to explain the prevalence of so many wrong impressions, the difficulty of displacing long fixed beliefs was paramount, and he cited the ostrich putting his head in the ground when frightened as an example.

**EXPLORERS ARE SILENT**  
"The explorers haven't tried very hard to enlighten the public either, although many books and articles have been written by them. Perhaps it is because it is so easy to be a hero. The public has certain ideas about the eternal silence and the everlasting cold, so all you have to do to be a hero is go north and the public does the rest. If the explorer goes to write too much, they acclaim him for his moody, when he is merely trying not to give the game away." (Laughter.)

"The daily press then came in for its share. Numerous stories, obviously false, had been printed, even over the Associated Press, which Dr. Stefansson had tracked down. "The trouble is that the terrible things are news, and the ordinary things are not news," he declared. "Last winter there was a story of a baby freezing to death at Churchill while sleeping between its parents. The coldest day at Churchill was seven degrees warmer than La Paz and three degrees warmer than Winnipeg. There must have been a lot of babies frozen to death in Winnipeg. As a matter of fact that baby died of pneumonia. But that is not news."

"An advertisement for certain cigarettes in England last year stated that wolves run in packs and pursue people. They don't, absolutely; that is testified to by the American and Russian Governments. When the De Renke people learned the facts they withdrew that advertisement from circulation and apologized for it. But shortly after, an American geography came out stating that wolves ran in packs in Russia. There you have a cigarette company apologizing for the same thing an educational authority is publishing."

The trouble with the present system in Canada, he said, was that text books were chosen by the state from a number submitted by the publishers; "and some of them are rotten." The evil lay in the system, not in the teacher or the Minister of Education or his deputy. The government does not say directly what shall go into its text books.

### AIRCRAFT LEAGUE ELECTS OFFICERS

Model Aircraft League of Victoria Is Organized—Public Meeting Next Saturday

The Model Aircraft League of Victoria was formally organized at a meeting held in the wing headquarters in the Y.M.C.A. yesterday morning. Mr. Roland Horsey was elected wing commander. Mr. Ken Graham, wing lieutenant; Mr. W. Findlay, wing recording officer, and Mr. Earl Ploa Pollock, wing equipment officer.

All flights are invited to attend a public meeting to be held in the Y.M.C.A. next Saturday evening at 7 o'clock, when Mr. Ernest Eve will give an address on "Elementary Flights." This now being formed were requested to register with Recording Officer Findlay at wing headquarters not later than December 21. Flights not yet firmly established were advised to get in touch with Wing H. 2 for advice. The registration fee for each member in the league was raised from 25 to 35 cents.

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### A Special Offering Monday of Afternoon Dresses

Dresses of Transparent Velvet, Silk Tweed, Satin Georgette Crepe, Flt Crepe and Jersey Cloth. Suitable for sports or afternoon wear. A selection of fashionable shades, including navy and black. Sizes 14 to 50. On sale for

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# The Christmas Store

## Gifts for Everyone



A holiday spirit in the air—a cheery gift-giving spirit that warms the heart! And here in one shop a wealth of gifts "To Make a Merrie Yuletide." Months have been spent in assembling assortments of merchandise from many lands so that every individual preference may be provided for with thoughtful gifts, well chosen. Gifts of apparel, for those of a practical turn of mind. Gifts of rare and beautiful objects for the home and personal use. Exquisite feminine trifles for sweetheart, sister or mother. Here, too, you will find artistic papers, ribbons and seals to wrap your packages attractively. An inclusive price range provides for any plan of expenditure—large or small. Bring in your Christmas list and appreciate the satisfaction of shopping done early—and well.

### Women's Fitted Dressing Cases

Useful Gifts

Women's Fitted Travelling Case, of strong construction, covered with fancy grained fabricoid; fitted with seven-piece two-tone toilet set ..... **\$11.00**

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Per pair ..... **\$3.50 and \$4.75**

Pure Wool Blankets in plain colors, checks, plaids and two-toned reversibles. All finished with satin-bound ends. Each ..... **\$6.75 and \$9.75**

Pure Wool Plaid Blankets in all popular shades. Double bed size. Per pair ..... **\$12.50**

White Pure Wool Blankets in soft fleecy finish. Single bed size, per pair ..... **\$7.95**

Three-quarter bed size. Per pair ..... **\$8.95**

Double bed size. Per pair ..... **\$10.95**

Silver-Grey Pure Wool Blankets. Single bed size. Per pair ..... **\$7.95**

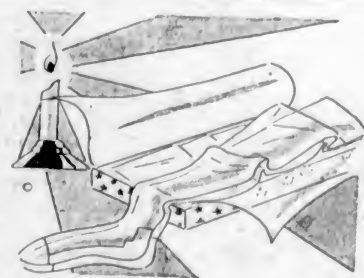
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Double bed size. Per pair ..... **\$9.95**  
—Blankets, Main Floor

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We have many handsome Fur Coats from which to select your gift for mother, wife, sister or friend. All rich in appearance and in popular furs. Very best values.  
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Chiffon Silk Hose, sheerest weight, silk to top and finished with picot edge. Superb-fitting ankles and feet square and "slendo" heels. All the fashionable shades. Sizes 8½ to 10½. A pair, **\$3.50**  
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# VICTORIA LOSES FAST RUGBY MATCH

## Maroons Score Three Goals in Record Time to Get Draw With Senators

### VANCOUVER GRASPS GAME FROM LOCALS BY 11 TO 8 SCORE

Leroy's Try in Last Two Minutes of Thrilling McKechnie Cup Fixture Gives Mainlanders Victory—Victoria Shows Great Form on Return to Series

#### Fifteen Hundred Fans See Teams Battle Through Hectic Encounter

The shifty Leroy's try, which was converted by Jones, two minutes before the final whistle sounded, gave Vancouver an 11-8 victory over the Victoria "Pips" team in a thrilling McKechnie Cup rugby match yesterday afternoon at the Royal Athletic Park. The return of the locals to the series after a two-year absence was watched by 1,500 fans, the largest crowd to witness a match here since the All Blacks played an exhibition game at the Willows several years ago.

The game was a gigantic struggle throughout, with the keen and willing locals taking a heartbreaking defeat from their heavier and more experienced Mainland rivals. Just as everybody was about to go home and sing their praises to the great victory of the locals. However, the war victory turned into defeat, but not an inglorious one by any means, and those fans who journeyed to the enclosure will not forget the game for a long, long time.

It was a struggle full of tense and exciting moments, and saw at one time a roaring mass of humanity cheering the locals on and then holding its breath if the ruggedly looked like they would go through for a score. Such a scene and such a crowd have been absent from Victoria rugby games for several years, as it is safe to say that it will not be another several years before the scene and crowd will be repeated.

**FINE DISPLAY**

Victoria's "Pips" fifteen were an inspired lot, and many held their own against the grim, stolid Vancouver squad. The local bunch of energy and grit fought with everything they possessed, and did well to say that it was a hard-fought battle. Their forwards heeled three out of five from the scrums, which enabled their three to get into action more. But in the loose and general offensive the defensive play Victoria's pack had a decided edge and ran roughshod over the visitors.

The halves and three of the locals looked almost as good as those sent over by the Vancouver selection committee. The Mainlanders teamed up better and had a slight edge in the scrum.

The only weak link in the Victoria squad was in the fullback position, which was held down by Simpson. This veteran, who is usually steady, had an off day and his work was shaky. Seeing this, the parent weakness in the local machine, Vancouver centred their attack on him, especially in the second half, and made large gains from Simpson's inability to show his usual punting ability.

Victoria's margin of superiority in the first half was wide and had they gotten a few breaks would have rolled up enough of a margin to have plenty to work on in the second half. However, after the Caps had pounded and pounded at the visiting fifteen's line, the half ended with Victoria leading 8 to 3.

**FORCES DEFENSIVE**

Then the battle waged in the second half with the extra avoirdupois and more experience, aided by a tricky wind at their backs, beginning to put Victoria on the defence as the half progressed. Victoria opened with a try early, but Vancouver retaliated with two more, to walk off the field with a victory.

After J. Pye-Smith, president of the Dominion English Rugby Association, had officially opened the game, Victoria kicked off and the local pack followed up quickly to hold the play near the Vancouver twenty-five. Here a penalty kick was awarded the Caps, and Wenman punted deeply into Vancouver territory for a heavy gain, when the return was blocked. Attempting to find touch with a kick which was too far, gave Vancouver a twenty-five yard kick and a brief respite from a relentless local attack, but only for a space.

The Vancouver pack had a lot of trouble in keeping their feet in the ground until the ball was put in, and several penalty kicks were given against them. Reg. Wenman tried for points from four free kicks by the long-range route, but each sailed wide, while Campbell Forbes tried a place kick, which failed to leave the ground.

Victoria pressed with might and main for ten minutes, and Hun-

nings came near giving Victoria a score when he broke through with Bruce Forbes, with the ball at his feet; but it was too fast and reached the dead-line before either could fall on it.

Following the kick-off, Vancouver got a break which resulted in the opening score. From a scrum near their own twenty-five, the ball was snapped to the blind end, and Murray Ryan scored after getting past the defensive line near the corner flag. Leroy missed from the difficult angle.

Victoria continued to attack following the face-off, and again looked like they would score when Mawhood made a heavy gain and then punted over the visiting fullback's head. Campbell Forbes followed up, but missed the ball, and Ledingham pounced on the leather to gain a twenty-five yard kick for his side. Tye was hurt just after this, but played on the field.

Some great work by Henry Cockin and Art Fell again placed Victoria in a prominent position, and a free kick gave Vancouver another chance to try for points, but the ball sailed wide of the uprights.

Five minutes before half-time Bruce Forbes scored Victoria's first try. The ball was snapped to the blind end, and Wenman made a beautiful kick for the extra point.

Bain, of Vancouver, twisted his knee during a three-quarter run, and was asked off the field, but he returned in the second half. Just before the half whistle, Wenman tried another drop from a penalty, but the ball sailed wide.

**CROSS WITH TRY**

The second half was only about a minute old before Victoria increased their lead, with Hunnings getting a try. This score was the direct result of a heady piece of play. Wenman, who intercepted a three-quarter pass near the centre of the field, got into the clear and passed the leather to Hunnings. The latter outfooted the Vancouver opposition the rest of the distance and scored between the posts. Reg. Wenman's kick for the extra point was low.

After this Vancouver took up the attack, and the elusive Leroy, Murray Rowan and Phillips proved a constant worry to the locals. On one long three-quarter run Ledingham was stopped just in time, on a strong tackle by Tye. With their backs to the local line, the Mainland crew back, but a penalty against them put Vancouver in a dangerous position a few minutes later.

Young Henry Cockin, who turned in a sterling performance, relieved the tension of the local line when he intercepted a pass, squeezed through a mass of opposition to gain centre before being tackled by Wright. Here Cavity Hume brought the fans to their feet when his dodging run put Victoria well into Vancouver's twenty-five. Following this, Leroy was playing strong game, and a penalty kick for an offside and brought play back to centre with a well placed kick to touch. Shortly after Art Webster averted a sure score when he intercepted a kick with three Vancouver forwards in front of him and his local backing all out of any position to attempt opposition.

**KEENNESS OBSERVED**

For the next ten minutes the battle waged warm, with play at one end and the other. A three-quarter succession. Brilliant three-quarter work by both sides featured the game around this time. Cockin and Wenman were playing strong game for Victoria, with Hunnings and Tye pulling off brilliant tackles, while Leroy, Urquhart and Phillips were making it decidedly uncomfortable for the locals.

The fleet Art Fell saved a sure try against Victoria when Murray Rowan carried the ball to the Victoria twenty-five and then slipped it. Cockin got into action on the mistake of cutting over to the Victoria goal in an attempt to place the ball in a better position. But apparently Cameron did not know

BELIEVE IT OR NOT . . . . . By Ripley



On request, sent with stamped addressed envelope, the Sports Editor of The Colonist will furnish proof of anything depicted by Mr. Ripley.

### As Told by Big Leaguers

TALKING TODAY

STUFFY McINNIS: A Baseball Feat Which Made Me Glow All Over.

HARRY HEILMANN: A Proud Afternoon Against Walter Johnson.

HARRY MANUSH: Why I Hate to Bat Against Jack Quinn.

By J. P. GLASS

Quinn is a tough proposition to work against. "I consider," says Harry, "that Jack Quinn is the leading batter in the American League. I don't know whether it is his spitter, or what, that does it, but he is always busting bats for me."

"He has broken more for me than all other pitchers combined. I never use a bat I'm really particular about when I'm hitting against him. I use some stick I don't consider to be much good."

Harry paused and then added: "Or maybe I borrow somebody else's bat."

### ST. THOMAS TIGERS WIN RUGBY TITLE

Eastern Junior Gridmen Defeat Moose Jaw 14-0 to Take Canadian Championship

MOOSE JAW, Dec. 7.—Rotund Harry Medcalf kicked and ran St. Thomas Tigers to the Junior Rugby championship of Canada here this afternoon, the flashy little backfield star booting eight points in his team's smashing 14-0 victory over Moose Jaw Maroons, Western titlists.

Nearly three thousand fans shivering in near zero weather to see the smart young Maroons go down fighting before a highly-drilled Eastern machine, with a stone-walling wing line and colorful backfield, trampled on the pride of the Prairies.

Martin, slim back, shared with Medcalf the honors by getting through the Western line to score the game's only touchdown. Through the last period, while Martin was scoring his touch, the teams struggled on a hard ground that was covered with snow, but injuries were of minor nature. It was the first invasion of the West by an Eastern Rugby team.

**FLORIDA UNIVERSITY DEFEATS OREGON, 20-6**

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 7.—The University of Florida defeated a sweetering University of Oregon aggregation, 20 to 6, in the outstanding inter-sectional game of the week today. The Oregans had the game their own way for the first three periods, but gave way in the fourth before a desperate attack that netted the Websters their one touchdown.

**JUNIOR SOCCER**

Results of Junior Football League matches played here yesterday follow:

James Island 2, Oaklands 1.  
Victoria City 5, Sidney 1.  
Royal Oak 2, Esquimalt 1.  
Y.M.C.A. 7, K. of C. 0

### Y. STRIBLING WINS ON FOUL FROM CARNERA

Giant Italian Is Disqualified for Hitting After Bell Following Seventh Round of the Bout

#### BLOW PUTS MACON HEAVY TO FLOOR

PARIS, Dec. 7.—William L. (Young) Stribling, Macon, Ga., heavyweight, won on a foul in the seventh round of the fight with Primo Carnera, an Italian carpenter, here tonight. Carnera, who recently won on a foul from Stribling at London, was disqualified for hitting the Georgian after the bell ending the seventh round had sounded. It was a disappointing ending to a fight in which Stribling found the big carpenter no set-up to be brushed aside when he pleased. Carnera went down for a short count in the sixth round, but otherwise just held his own with his American rival, whom he outweighed by some eighty-five pounds.

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#### Fastest Man Can't Steal First Base

Practically every record established on the Arcade Alleys by the livepin bowlers, since the inception of the loop two seasons ago, has been broken. That speaks well for the age worn phrase, "practice makes perfect." However, one mark established last year by George Wilkinson, that of 808 pins for a three game total, is still unbeaten. Art Harness, a member of the Jokers, tied this mark last week. Stay with the good work Harness, and before the season is completed you might be the one to set a new high score.

### WHAT'S THE PROBLEM? OUR TEAM'S BACKFIELD HAS NO FACTORY

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### Register Trio of Markers in Sixty Seconds of Play

Overtime Fails to Break 3-3 Deadlock—Canadiens Nose Out Leafs, 1-0, in Fast Game—Champion Bruins Down Cougars, 2-1

MONTREAL, Dec. 7.—Ten minutes of fast overtime play failed to break a three-all tie in the Ottawa Senators-Montreal Maroons N.H.L. contest here tonight.

Ottawa ran up a three-goal lead in the first two periods by taking advantage of Montreal penalties, but lost it when they were themselves three men short and the locals slapped in three goals in exactly sixty seconds of play.

**The Line-Ups**

Maroons: Goal—Connell; Defence—Clancy, A. Smith, Stewart, Centre—Laple, R. Smith, Wing—Pinnegar, Siebert, Sub—H. Kilrea, Munroe, Sub—Touhey, Trotter, Sub—Nichol, Robinson, Sub—W. Kilrea, Wilcox, Sub—Conner, Phillips, Sub—Northcott.

Referee—Cooper Smeaton and Louis Berliquet.

**Summary**

First period—1, Ottawa, Clancy from Shields, 11:48.

Second period—2, Ottawa, Kilrea from Lamb, 4:05; 3, Ottawa, Shields 6:35.

Third period—4, Montreal, Smith from Dutton, 07:13; Montreal, Stewart from Dutton, 15:06; Montreal, Stewart from H. Smith, 38.

Overtime—No score.

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Referee—Malinson and Hewitson.

**Summary**

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# LEO DIEGEL RETAINS PRO CROWN

## Defending Champion Stops Farrell 6 and 4 To Keep P.G.A. Title

Agua Caliente Professional Comes From Behind to Capture Championship Before Gallery of 4,000 at Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 7.—On the rolling fairways of Hillcrest today, Leo Diegel, of Agua Caliente, met and matched a final challenge to stroke his way to one of the prized golfing titles of the nation—the Professional Golfers' Association championship.

Defender of his title, Diegel came through to turn back smiling Johnny Farrell, of New York, in the final thirty-six-hole match, 6-4. Some 4,000 persons who trailed the match today saw not so much an exhibition of great golf, but rather a closing rally by the champion that was aided largely by two unexpected "breaks."

One up, going into the twenty-seventh, Diegel added that hole when his ball was knocked into the cup by Farrell's putt.

The crowd had hardly recovered from its surprise when the same incident occurred at the next hole. As on the preceding green Diegel laid his slender 1 1/2 half stroke each time Farrell tried to shave past and each time failed. His ball propelled Diegel's into the cup, for unlooked for wins.

After the match had ended and Diegel was being presented with the champion's cup, medal and \$1,000 cheque, he said, "I'm just a very lucky boy. Johnny putted for me a couple of times and I guess that was the match."

The first round was an unexciting affair and produced some of the poorest golf of the tournament, but the gallery thrilled to several brilliant recovery shots and a few long putts whose perfect execution gave Farrell a new lease on life and enabled him to stop for lunch with a 1-up lead.

After the rather loose exhibition in the morning, Diegel got down to business in the afternoon. On the twenty-ninth the Agua Caliente representative received a little uncalculated aid when his second shot plunked into the back of a spectator and bounded into the fairways. The victim of the misplaced shot was Conway Tearle. As a result of the carom shot off the motion picture actor's back, Diegel played from a good lie and ended with a half for the hole.

The cards follow:

Par out ..... 434 544 444—35  
Far in ..... 443 454 345—36—71

**Morning**  
Out—Diegel ..... 434 453 454—36  
Farrell ..... 435 574 343—38  
In—Diegel ..... 444 454 346—38—74  
Farrell ..... 453 454 335—35—74

**Afternoon**  
Out—Diegel ..... 334 453 444—34  
Farrell ..... 534 544 445—38  
In—Diegel ..... 353 34 6 (and 4)  
Farrell ..... 554 45



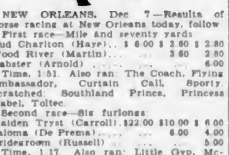
LEO DIEGEL

## SAANICH SCHOOL ELEVEN PICKED

Holders of Fragments of France Cup Will Play in Opening Match at Oak Bay Park Tuesday

Saanich Schools football team, holder of the Fragments of France Cup, symbolic of the Victoria and District Schools championship, will play its opening match of the series Tuesday afternoon at Oak Bay Park against the Oak Bay eleven.

Mr. Routley, manager of the Saanich team, announced that his eleven will take the field as follows: Clark (Tolmie), Emery (McKenzie), Hammond (Tillamook), Mowat (Tillamook), G. Smith (Saanich High), Sturup (Lake Hill), Cooke (Tillamook), Hetherington (Lake Hill), Morrison (Saanich High) Underwood (Cloverdale) and Morgan (Saanich High); reserve, A. Tregellas (Cloverdale).



**RACING**

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 7.—Results of horse racing at New Orleans today. Follow First race—Five furlongs. 1. 1:00 1/2. 2. 1:00 1/2. 3. 1:00 1/2. 4. 1:00 1/2. 5. 1:00 1/2. 6. 1:00 1/2. 7. 1:00 1/2. 8. 1:00 1/2. 9. 1:00 1/2. 10. 1:00 1/2. 11. 1:00 1/2. 12. 1:00 1/2. 13. 1:00 1/2. 14. 1:00 1/2. 15. 1:00 1/2. 16. 1:00 1/2. 17. 1:00 1/2. 18. 1:00 1/2. 19. 1:00 1/2. 20. 1:00 1/2. 21. 1:00 1/2. 22. 1:00 1/2. 23. 1:00 1/2. 24. 1:00 1/2. 25. 1:00 1/2. 26. 1:00 1/2. 27. 1:00 1/2. 28. 1:00 1/2. 29. 1:00 1/2. 30. 1:00 1/2. 31. 1:00 1/2. 32. 1:00 1/2. 33. 1:00 1/2. 34. 1:00 1/2. 35. 1:00 1/2. 36. 1:00 1/2. 37. 1:00 1/2. 38. 1:00 1/2. 39. 1:00 1/2. 40. 1:00 1/2. 41. 1:00 1/2. 42. 1:00 1/2. 43. 1:00 1/2. 44. 1:00 1/2. 45. 1:00 1/2. 46. 1:00 1/2. 47. 1:00 1/2. 48. 1:00 1/2. 49. 1:00 1/2. 50. 1:00 1/2. 51. 1:00 1/2. 52. 1:00 1/2. 53. 1:00 1/2. 54. 1:00 1/2. 55. 1:00 1/2. 56. 1:00 1/2. 57. 1:00 1/2. 58. 1:00 1/2. 59. 1:00 1/2. 60. 1:00 1/2. 61. 1:00 1/2. 62. 1:00 1/2. 63. 1:00 1/2. 64. 1:00 1/2. 65. 1:00 1/2. 66. 1:00 1/2. 67. 1:00 1/2. 68. 1:00 1/2. 69. 1:00 1/2. 70. 1:00 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# Motors & Motoring

## Road Benefits Are Hoped From Using 6-Wheel Vehicles

Increased Loads and Conservation of Highways Is Aim of Experts at Transportation Meeting of Society of Automotive Engineers Held Recently in Toronto

## Trucks, Buses, Passenger Cars Are Also Considered

CONSERVATION of roads and increased loads in transportation may result from the development of six-wheel vehicles, it was stressed at the transportation meeting of the Society of Automotive Engineers held recently at Toronto. Although there was a general programme dealing with commercial transport, one of the most interesting subjects which came under discussion was offered at a joint session with the motor transport division and the American Railway Association. Then it was that the six-wheel arrangements were debated in full and several suggestions offered which may result in benefits to highways and merchants.

MECHANICAL POINTS  
One of the points which received an unusual amount of attention was that of the four-wheel drive. The subject presented a number of mechanical questions and these were analyzed at length.

"Four-wheel drive for a six-wheel vehicle presents, from the axle builders' viewpoint, many interesting problems," it was stated by Mr. L. R. Buckendale, of Detroit, in a paper he submitted to the conference. "The conventional four-wheel vehicle driven by a single rear axle is a comparatively simple problem, as years of experience have produced an almost uniform design of spring mounting, and the method of taking the torque through the spring and driving through a radius rod is practically standard."

"When the vehicle is driven by two rear axles the problem is complicated greatly and the axle design is related intimately to chassis construction. The axle builder is vitally concerned in the type of spring mounting, the method of taking the



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## 292,000,000 Paid Bus Fares in U.S.

ACCORDING to results from a recent survey, 292,000,000 passengers were carried during 1928 on the short haul, intercity and intrastate motor coach services. It was shown that 4,085,000-600 passenger miles of transportation were sold.

It is estimated that slightly more than one-half of the 1,022 cities in the United States having a population of more than 10,000 have some form of local motor coach service.

ed as highly beneficial to the automotive industry through the exchange of ideas for the advancement of motor vehicles. Among the subjects given consideration were motor coaches and their functions; body construction; motor transport in commercial phases; engines; brakes and maintenance.

A paper by Commissioner Charles A. Harnett, of the New York Motor Vehicle Bureau, contained many valuable suggestions on state assistance in trucking, bus service extension, etc. It was entitled, "How State Motor Vehicle Commissions Can Help Develop Motor Vehicle Transportation."

Whether the six-wheel principle will be accepted for some of the large types of passenger cars is a question which is being asked by the automotive experts. Those who favor experiments in this line declare that the flexible four-wheel drive may make for even greater comfort and ease in driving than is enjoyed at the present time.

Motor deaths for September, the last month for which figures are available, total about 2,400, or eighty per day. Curiously enough, this is about the same figure as for the previous September, and it represents a ten per cent decrease in comparison with August of this year, but the worst months of the year are ahead of us.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE  
In reviewing the progress of the six-wheel motor vehicle, Mr. E. W. Templin, of Detroit, delved deep into the technical complex of the past and offered suggestions for the future.

In his conclusions he said: "Each truck manufacturer, as he becomes interested in building six-wheel vehicles, naturally desires to construct them as he thinks they should be built. Consequently we now have various ways of accomplishing the objects sought. Some of these look to me as if they will be successful, while others will require considerable development work to perfect."

BENEFITS IN HAULING  
"The six-wheel vehicle, in my opinion, is the logical solution of the problem of hauling heavy loads economically without causing destruction of highways."

Failure of some states to recognize the difference of weight maximum when applied to types of vehicles was discussed as a paper on "Structure of Six-Wheel Vehicles," presented by Mr. A. M. Wolf, automotive consulting engineer.

"The increased carrying capacity of the six-wheeler over the four-wheeler raises the question as to how far this will combat the argument of the semi-trailer contingent on the score of greater loading," said Mr. Wolf.

"Where permissible weights are governed by the tire width or sectional diameter, the semi-trailer no longer has its former advantage as legal restrictions, since six wheels and tires are reckoned upon in either case."

"Unfortunately a few states maintain a single maximum allowance weight, regardless of whether the vehicle has four or more wheels. In view of the numerous authoritative and conclusive proofs regarding the superior distribution of road loading and lessened destruction resulting from a six-wheel vehicle, it is ardently hoped that these few states will follow the modern and correct viewpoint of the majority."

The Toronto meeting was regarded

## PLANE AND AUTO COSTS COMPARED

Aero Rate of Expense of Operation One-Third More Than That of Car

The operating cost of an aeroplane is but one-third more than the operating costs of an "average" automobile, according to data compiled by the American Motorists Association, based on aviation operation costs computed from figures of the United States Department of Commerce.

The "average" automobile costs 6.43 cents a mile to operate, compared with the 9.39 cents a mile as the cost of operation of an "average" aeroplane, costing \$3,000, equipped with a ninety-horsepower motor, carrying three persons at an average speed of 100 miles an hour.

The relative costs a mile of the two methods of transportation, according to the A. M. A. figures, are as follows:

	Cents a mile	Cents a mile (auto-aero)
Gasoline	1.31	1.41
Oil	22	21
Depreciation	1.39	2.55
Maintenance (tires, repair, etc.)	2.86	.75
Insurance	.21	2.67
Garage-hanger	.44	1.80
Total cents a mile	6.43	9.39

The most noticeable contrast between the two modes of transportation, the A. M. A. statement points out, is the maintenance and insurance costs.

Efficiency in Operation  
Most automobile motors operate with greatest efficiency when the temperature of the fluid in the cooling system averages about 180 degrees Fahrenheit. Running the car at low temperature results in wasted fuel, crankcase dilution, increased wear and poorer all-round performance, says a bulletin of the Olycine Producers' Association.

To avoid these difficulties the association urges the motorist to watch his thermometer just as closely in Winter as in Summer.

JAKE SAYS  
Soak Sturgeon fell downstairs last Thursday, landed on his hip and sustained a compound fracture of the left flank.

The honeymoon is over when he says, "Darling, I love you!" and she says, "I wonder how long spinach ought to cook?"

George Warner is a great auto mechanic. After a careful examination he thinks that the knock in my flivver is probably caused by something hitting against something else.

Author (to automobile advertising man)—May I have some more details regarding that new and beautiful car you offer for sale?

Advertising Man—Do you want to buy it?

Author—No, but I think I can use some of your descriptive phrases in a new book I am writing.

Scanty dress for women is with us to stay, declare fashion designers. As they show, so shall men and boys peep.

HITCH-HIKING PROHIBITED  
Maine, New Jersey and Minnesota are the three States which have laws prohibiting hitch-hiking, reports the National Automobile Club.

Maine hitch-hikers are subject to a \$50 fine for soliciting rides from a private vehicle. Arizona recently discovered that disappointed hitch-hikers were responsible for the placing of glass and other tire destroying material upon the roads of that State.

CARE FOR INSULATOR  
When removing the plug from the cylinder great care should be taken not to strike the insulator with the wrench, as the porcelain is very brittle and the current will pass through any little crack that may be made rather than jump the gap at the points.

## HEADLIGHTS FOR LIGHTHEADS

One can't always tell a woman's age by her store teeth.

Cop—Say, listen, when are you goin' to stop that engine? The darn thing makes so much noise you can't hear me bawling you out.

Marriages may be made in heaven.

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# Plays and Players

## Extravaganza Is Feature Offered For Six-Day Term

"Rio Rita" Shows High Mark in Entertainment—Operetta Given in Sound and Color, With Freer Movement Than Is Feasible on the Stage With Broadway Successes

## Singing and Acting Are Given by First-Rate Cast

"Rio Rita," the all-talking, all-musical Radio Pictures extravaganza which opens tomorrow at the Dominion Theatre for a six-day run, is evidence that the screen has touched a new high mark in entertainment. As the first operetta in sound and color, "Rio Rita" opens up a great new vista of entertainment to those cities and towns geographically barred from the Broadway spectacles of Ziegfeld and the Shuberts.

Yet it is questionable whether Ziegfeld himself ever so "glorified" a show as Radio Pictures has done to "Rio Rita." Certainly the wider limitations of the camera have given us the sets and costumes, it is to the gay romance of the Rio

Grande more movement and action than could ever have been accomplished on the stage.

Interesting as is the story, lavish

the singing and acting of the large

### AMUSEMENTS

#### ON THE SCREEN

Capitol—"The Four Feathers," starring William Powell.

Columbia—John Barrymore in "Tempest."

Dominion—"Rio Rita," featuring Bebe Daniels.

#### ON THE STAGE

Coliseum—Vaudeville and stock company.

Playhouse—Harry C. Willis and company present "Dolly of the Follies."

Crystal Garden—Swimming and dancing.

cast of principles that lift "Rio Rita" to the peak in audience appeal. Bebe Daniels, in the title role, is no less than a sensation with her new-found voice.

John Boles, erstwhile musical comedy star, is excellent as leading man with Miss Daniels. Pressing the leading characters for honors of the piece, however, are Bert Wheeler, Dorothy Lee and Robert Woolsey, who give to the show not only a generous share of comedy, but contribute much to its large share of dancing and singing. Helen Kaler, one of the girls Ziegfeld "glorified" in the stage version of "Rio Rita," Don Alvarado, George Renevan, Nick de Ruiz, and Eva Kosita are others who add much to the appeal of "Rio Rita."

A technicality often gets an innocent man in trouble and guilty one out.



A Scene From "Rio Rita," the All-Talking and Singing Feature. Showing All This Week at the Dominion Theatre

### Hon. J. Hinchliffe to Be Heard Over CNRV

The Hon. Joshua Hinchliffe, Minister of Education for British Columbia, will be the guest of honor and speaker at the Canadian Club luncheon, Monday afternoon at 12:25 o'clock in the Hotel Vancouver. The subject of his address, "Foreign Books in Our Schools," will be broadcast over station CNRV.

The little boy was in church for the first time. When the choir, all in white surplices, entered, he whispered hoarsely: "Oh, Daddy, they're all going to get their hair cut!" —Boston Transcript.

### HAPPINESS LIES AROUND HOME

Playhouse Offering Dwells on Theme of Contrast Between Town and Country

"Dolly of the Follies," an exceptionally clever rural comedy from the pen of Ted and Virginia Maxwell, will be the stage offering at the Playhouse for the coming week. This offering is presented in three scenes depicting the story of the country girl who left home to make a bid for fame and fortune in the big city, but who returns to find that happiness lies right in your own back yard. Harry Willis and Eileen Bennett will hold up the comedy end of the cast; Peggy Willis will be seen in the title role, while George Brydon, Bill Marshall, Joe Prescott and Audrie Bennett all have roles particularly suitable to their abilities. Songs, dances and other vaudeville specialties will be presented between scenes.

On the screen is a really thrilling and entertaining picture on view at the Playhouse Theatre next week. It is the Gaumont British film, "Smashing Through," the first British motor racing film.

The story is concerned with the efforts of a British motor company to defeat a foreign rival and so gain a great market. Of course there is a feminine prize as well.

The picture has a great thrill when a racing car on a hill climbs up a bank to miss a child by inches; there is an emotional thrill when the British company's men set to work night and day to build a new car, when their "star" car is accidentally burned almost on the eve of the all-important road race, and to see the lady skid around the corners in the race itself, whilst all the time one knows that the villains of the piece are going to crash the British car by "bumping" it over a steep bank (which villainy is actually perpetrated) provides a succession of tense moments.

Uncle Richard had gained a reputation for always keeping cool, in a crisis. More than once this gift had proved valuable when things went wrong. But his best effort was put in the shade soon after he had gone to live with his married nephew.

"Uncle!" screamed the nephew's little son, as he burst into the room one morning. "Daddy's just fallen off the roof of the house!"

Uncle Richard nodded as he got up and followed him outside. "I know, my boy," he said. "I saw him pass the window."

Friend: Did you get the estate settled?

Lawyer: Yes, but the heirs managed to grab part of it.

### PACKED WITH LAUGHS!

Oh, wise wives! Come and see this amusing comedy, abounding in rich humor and thrills

## "The Wise Wife"

With PHYLLIS HAVER, Tom Moore, Jacqueline Logan

## Also John Barrymore in "TEMPEST"

with Camilla Horn and Louis Wolheim

A Great Drama! A Great Love! Barrymore's Greatest

MONDAY NIGHT CASH PRIZES

ED HOLLOWAY AT THE ORGAN

COLUMBIA MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY

### CATAclysm OF RUSSIA DEPICTED

Overthrow of Empire in Russia Suggests Story of Columbia Film

"Tempest," the new John Barrymore picture for United Artists

which will open at the Columbia Theatre tomorrow, represents the longest production schedule and the greatest striving for popular entertainment in the famous star's screen career.

In "Tempest," the screen and stage idol has the role of a devil-may-care subaltern whose affairs of the heart and sword lead him into some of the strangest adventures of the revolution which swept out czarism, made fugitives out of grand dukes and rulers out of peasants. The early part of "Tempest" depicts all the pomp and luxury of the empire; with the revolution comes the most gripping picturization yet made of that national cataclysm. Also on the same bill is "The Wise Wife," a delightful Pathe-De Mille comedy featuring Phyllis Haver, Tom Moore, Jacqueline Logan and Joseph Striker.

### YUKON WILL HIDE ORIGIN

Anthropologist Believes Difficulty of Linking History With Asia Lies in Changes of River Banks

### ARCHAEOLOGY MAY AID SEARCH

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 7.—The key to American prehistory lies not in Alaska but in Asia, in the belief of Dr. Ales Hrdlicka, Smithsonian anthropologist. His contention supports a previous view that Mongoloid migration across Bering Strait was so easy it was inevitable, contrasting with a prevailing opinion that the Eskimo had a purely American origin.

Scant hope of uncovering even dim records of the far past in Central Alaska is seen by the noted scientist, who traversed the Yukon River from source to mouth during the summer in search of archaic lore.

"Unless some most unforeseen accident occurs," he said, "we shall never be able to find real ancient remains in the Yukon Valley or Delta, because the country has been remade by sea and river. Remains have been swept away by the water as it gnaws at the banks, or lie covered up in deep jungles or tundras.

"Indirectly, however, through archaeological and other evidence, substantial steps have been made this year towards the solution of the problem of the origin of the Eskimo and his relation to the Indian."

The anthropologist returned with more than sixty boxes of material, one of the most striking parts of the collection being nearly 800 tools and objects in fossil ivory, belonging to a wonderfully rich and artistic old culture, discovered but a few years ago. Light also may be thrown on the past by a double burial in a stone-lined grave, the oldest uncovered so far along the Yukon, and similar in type to some in North-eastern Asia.

"Our material," Dr. Hrdlicka said, "is rich, but only careful study will show how important. The main achievement was to save for science much that would soon have been lost for all time."

"Smithsonian expeditions, while saving precious material and data from the American side of Bering Sea, make more urgent an extension of the work in Northeastern Asia. It is there, it is felt even more strongly, that the material and information lie that will clinch indications obtained on the American side."

More than 3,000 miles were traveled on the great river, famous for the days of the gold rush. The scientist, assisted by Dr. J. Maly, of the University of Prague, crisscrossed from bank to bank in search of ancient sites, more than 1,500 miles being covered in an open, eighteen-foot canoe. A large majority of the surviving full-blooded Indians and Eskimos, melting before civilization even as the relics of their ancestors are being destroyed by nature, were measured, observed and photographed.

"Essential records of this vanishing population," Dr. Hrdlicka said, "thus are safe."

Mrs. Smith had been attacked by a large and fierce dog while out for a walk with her husband. To her disgust Mr. Smith had immediately taken to his heels, leaving his better half to her fate.

"You're a coward," she told him later, when she had made her escape. "Fancy leaving me to be bitten like that. Why didn't you grab its collar?"

Mr. Smith looked meek. "Well, dear," he pleaded, "we was married we agreed never to keep anything back from each other, didn't we?"

## The Mighty Thrills of "Chang" and the Magnificent Spectacle of "Beau Geste" Combined!



SEE The Spectacular Camel Charge of the Fuzzy-Wuzzys

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## FOUR

Thunderous Thrills! Glamorous Romance!

## FEATHERS"

Based on the Story by A. E. W. Mason Known as 'The British Bible of Courage'

The most realistic picturization of a world-famous adventure novel ever made.

### Actually Filmed in Africa

In the Sudan and the Tanganyika territory by the daring cameramen-showmen who made the renowned thriller, "Chang."

Played for months in New York at a \$2 top at the Criterion Theatre.

WITH ROUSING MUSICAL SCORE BY WM. FREDERICK PETERS

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Clive Brook, William Powell, Richard Arlen, Fay Wray and Noah Beery!

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## Sudan Wilderness Life Depicted in Feature at Capitol

Tense Action Has Rendered "Four Feathers" Remarkable Among Desert Pictures. Added to Popularity Derived From Mason's Novel Which Forms Its Chief Theme

### Animal Action Scenes of Danger Filmed in Africa

ONE of the greatest, if not the very greatest, of the year's motion pictures comes to the Capitol Theatre tomorrow for a six days' engagement. It is the third of a series by those old master craftsmen of adventurous camera work, Merian C. Cooper and Ernest B. Schoedsack. They are remembered for the startling bigness of their earlier successes, "Chang" and "Crass."

In "The Four Feathers," Cooper and Schoedsack have turned out a picture that is bigger than either of the other two because of its historical authenticity and because of its tense, sweeping action, which does not let down for one moment. The human interest in this one hits nearer home, because the theme is more modern and because the British soldiers' exploits in the terrible Sudan wilderness is already common knowledge with all readers of Kipling and A. E. W. Mason's famous novel, upon which the plot of the film is based.

"The Four Feathers," which will show at the Capitol all this week, is an action and adventure—plus thriller. It deals with a young officer who is a coward and who receives white feathers, symbols of shameful cowardice, from his comrades in arms. Instead of following out the

The wife of a plumber who had inherited a small fortune was entertaining some friends to tea. The plumber and his wife had been to America, and so their trip was the topic of conversation.

"It must have been lovely to see Niagara, as you did," said one of the guests. "Oh," said the lady, "our visit was ruined on that occasion."

"You don't mean to say so?"

"Yes," went on the lady, "you see, Tom has been a plumber all his life—and when he saw Niagara, he abominably said: 'It wants a new washer,' and went back for his tools!"



Richard Arlen and Fay Wray in "The Four Feathers." This Sound Spectacle Is Showing at the Capitol Theatre All This Week.

### STOCKS CONTINUE MOVING UPWARD

Issues of Wide Variety Participate in Upswing at New York—Oils Little Higher

(BRASSON, BROWN & CO., LTD.)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Stocks continued upward in many directions today despite a fair amount of realizing which checked the advance from time to time. A wide variety of issues participated in the up-



William H. Brash, the world-famous singer, who is now appearing at Shrine Auditorium.

## All-Stage Bill Very Much Appreciated By Theatre Patrons

Capacity Audiences at Coliseum Appear to Justify Decision for Change of Programme—"Gossiping Neighbors" Is Expected to Be Major Attraction for Coming Week

### Play of New York Life To Draw Record Houses

EXPECTING to again draw record houses as they did last week, the Coliseum stock players, under the direction of Raymond "Toby" Leitch, will all this week, commencing tomorrow night at 8 o'clock, present a play of New York life on the stage at the Coliseum Theatre. The play is a good one and Mr. Leitch guarantees it to be one of the most popular in his extensive repertoire.

He feels confident that "Gossiping Neighbors" will be popular in Victoria and will be well received at the Coliseum this week. The Play-ers will appear every evening at 8 o'clock, while on Saturday evening there will be two complete shows. Last week, the first week that pictures were taken away from the

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Steel continued to work into higher ground and on one of the heaviest volumes witnessed in a long time close to its best levels on the present upswing. Rumors were current today of a probable split up in the present shares, and these undoubtedly served to stimulate increased outside participation on the buying side. Some of the other steels were higher, including Republic and Bethlehem.

Prospects for increased business for many of the steel companies next year are said to be exceedingly bright. Plans for the promulgation of a vast amount of public works during the coming months are now under way and these will undoubtedly have a beneficial influence on practically all of the leading steel companies. Utilities were inclined to mark time today and some of the issues in this group were a little lower on realizing attracted after the extensive price advances registered during the past week.

Oils were a little higher with Standard of New Jersey showing the way in this group.

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### HIGH STANDARD OF ACTING MAINTAINED

It is, of course, inevitable that the death rate should be heavy in Shakespeare's "Macbeth," but it must have been rather distressing for the large audience that packed the Royal Victoria Theatre yesterday afternoon to see so many delightful characters disappear, rather in the manner of the "Ten Little Nigger Boys." One is apt to be jealous of the lives of a company where every portrayal is a gem in itself.

The first to meet with a sanguinary end was Duncan, king of Scotland, played by Mr. Oliver Crombie, whose masterly acting and beautiful diction could ill be spared. Members of the Stratford-upon-Avon Company, however, agree with Hamlet that "the play's the thing," and there is not the least doubt that any of them would cheerfully undertake the part of a page boy if they thought that it would benefit the performance.

As Macbeth, Mr. Wilfrid Walter gave a superlative performance. His splendid frame helped his magnificent acting in carrying conviction to the part. Whether he was gibbering with horror at his own crimes, roaring obscenities at a cringing servant or suddenly investing himself with his manhood when he sees that the stakes are lost, his characterization was both forceful and sympathetic.

As Lady Macbeth, Miss Fabia Drake acted with consummate skill. She contrived to suggest a hardness, which was offset by the introspective horror which she showed in the sleep-walking scene. As Lady Macduff, Miss Mary Holder acted with a great deal of charm and sincerity, and Miss Miriam Adams' Young Macduff was a masterpiece of childish grace.

Mr. George Hayes' faculty for dramatic acting had a splendid outlet in the scene where Macduff hears of the slaughter of his family. An all too brief piece of characterization was Mr. Roy Byford's drunken old porter, while Mr. Eric Mazon was a wonderful Hamlet, living or dead. Mr. R. Eric Lee and Mr. Noel Hiff were more than adequate in the roles of Malcolm and Donalbain, while three of the most gruesome witches which the imagination of Shakespeare could possibly have devised were Mr. Kenneth Wickstead, Mr. Jack Bligh and Mr. Geoffrey Wilkinson.

(Pipes intended for the use of women smokers are now being offered for sale.)

I remember, the first time we met, How you held it was most infra dig.

For girls—save the racket set—To indulge in a cigarette. Ever long to the field nicotine You surrendered and hauled down your flag.

And but seldom indoors were you seen Unattached to a fag.

Now you find even this not enough You, terrible craving to meet, You snapper, you brazenly puff In the park and the street. Can it be I shall yet see the day When, without any blushing or fuss, You will suck at your briar or clay On the top of a bus?

Another chap, a Scotman perhaps, recalled that it once took two sheep a year to produce enough material for a frock, and now two silk worms can do the job in an afternoon.

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# DOMINION



## CHILD SLAVERY TO BE STOPPED

Estimated 10,000 Still in Bondage in Hong Kong Under "Mui Tsai" System

### CHANCE SOUGHT BY LEGISLATURE

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LONDON, Dec. 7.—In connection with the introduction of a bill into the Hong Kong Legislature for the abolition of the "mui tsai" system, whereby little girls are sold into domestic slavery, it was said recently that the system could not be done away with by legislation, but required the education of public opinion.

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## CRYSTAL GARDEN

In effect, this was the explanation of the failure of the British Government to wipe out this blot. Forty years ago Lord Kimberley, the then Governor of the colony, found that while by law there was no slavery in practice it existed. From then onwards there have been constant proclamations making the purchase of children between the ages of four and fourteen illegal.

The obvious evasion was that by religion and tradition it was customary to "adopt" children as the companions of the wealthy or even as servants. Certainly money passed, but that was only a form of compensation. In some ways, it was argued, the children were better off with their new owners, as they often came from poor homes. However, it is common knowledge that these children were, and still are, treated with cruelty, made to serve as drudges, and even employed for worse purposes.

In 1923 an attempt was made to regularize control over female servants by insisting on the registration of the "mui tsai" and forbidding the employment for domestic purposes of children under ten. Further, Commander Haslewood, the husband of the champion of the cause of these unhappy children, was threatened with dismissal from his post. Today there are still 10,000 child slaves held in bondage in the colony.

It must cause no little surprise that, when states, before becoming members of the League of Nations, pledge themselves to bring an end to all slavery within their confines, such a condition of affairs should still exist.

In Sierra Leone 215,000 slaves were freed recently, and in Burma about 10,000.

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## Letters to the Editor

No letter to the Editor will be inserted except on the proper signature and address of the writer. This rule admits of no exceptions.

QUESTIONS FOR ALDERMANIC CANDIDATES

Sir.—With the Mayor elected by acclamation, the ratepayers have no opportunity of expressing our disapproval of his financial scheme to borrow a large sum.

I think it needs no long explanation to demonstrate that the plan to "pay us" is the most economical way to get the city's work done. The system of borrowing for all we want has led us to a perfect quagmire of debt. Our uncontrollable debts (a very gentle name for a very bad thing, by the way) have brought us so that a very large amount of our year's taxes are earmarked for interest, for which interest we get nothing, but every cent of it is an added charge to the original, until it more than doubles the cost of any piece of work to the ratepayers.

As an illustration—if we borrow \$200,000 at 5 per cent, each million costs us \$50,000 a year, and this money has to be found before we start spending on our current needs. Now, if instead of paying \$100,000 a year for interest and leaving a tax to get it, we were to levy a tax of \$100,000 to do present work, we should have the same tax to pay but for it we should have as an asset the piece of work it was taxed to do. And with the next year's interest we could do the same. This would not get our work done quite as fast as a big loan and a big surplus, but by going steadily we should keep more of our own work here, and that is an advantage not to be despised.

I do not need reminding that to do this and carry our heavy burden of uncontrollable debt, which we do it is hard, but it is no harder to raise \$100,000 for work than it is for interest.

Truly we are between the evil one and the ocean.

I hardly think our aldermen would have sufficient faith to raise their own salaries two years in succession, but I should like to extract a promise from candidates to vote for its return to the old rate.

I would suggest that those who favor this publish a statement to that effect, so that we may know how they stand. It would be a good rule if a referendum was required before the council raised its own salaries. It would stop the trick played on us this year.

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## Labor Premier of Australia



Mr. James Henry Scullin, Leader of the Labor Party of Australia, Recently Assumed Premiership, Succeeding Rt. Hon. Stanley Bruce. He is Seen Here in His Office.

could afford to carry them over the bad times, but with the present wage scale this is impossible.

Another trust that is nearly finished is the sugar combine in the United States. Millions of dollars have been spent by interested parties lobbying the representatives in Washington for more protection on sugar.

Apparently it was of no avail for sugar is now at a pre-war price. Combines and trusts are not modern. Queen Elizabeth had a habit of giving concessions to her friends, but her subjects became too wise and she had to reform, and from that time to the present Great Britain has watched combines very closely.

When the labor party came to power in 1910, it was a few years ago the country as a whole tried to run the whole show as a whole party in their place. Paul Kruger tried it in South Africa and lost his job.

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## FINANCE - COMMERCE - MARKETS

INVESTMENT  
BUYING OF  
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Speculative Purchasing at Toronto, However, Has Been Checked by Recent Developments

OILS SHOW  
SOME DECLINE

Representative Eastern Canadian Issues Down Slightly in Conformity With Market Pressure

(Branson, Brown &amp; Co., Ltd.)

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 7.—While speculative buying on Toronto Stock Exchange has, evidently, been eliminated during the past week, investment buying has persisted on a considerable scale. This investment is distinguished by brokers' houses from speculative buying, because most of it is for holding, irrespective of immediate fluctuations, on the grounds that current prices are greatly deflated and that sound stocks should appreciate materially over a reasonable period. The record on the Toronto Stock Exchange in the past week indicates that buying had been better than selling. Of 49 representative stocks traded in 24 showed net advances, against 18 net declines. There were exceptions to the rule, Brantford, which previously had made a smart

recovery of 13 points, fell back 4 points to 40, while City Dairy was down 4 points to 46.

Offsetting these were advances of 3 points by Canadian Oil and Heyes Wheel, and advances of 2-1/2 points by Famous Players, 2-1/2 by International Utilities "A," 2 points by Tip-Top Tailors and 2-1/2 by Service Stations Equipment.

One favorable item of the week was the increase announced in the dividend rate of Service Stations to \$2.50 per share per annum from \$2 on the class "A" and class "B" shares. Gains of a point to 2 points were made by Superpetroleum, while International Petroleum gained a large fraction. With respect to Superpet, the directors will meet next week, when it is expected a bonus will be paid in addition to the regular dividend. The declaration of 25 cents by International Petroleum, making the fourth distribution for the year, and 75 cents in all, was a favorable development. B. A. Oil and Imperial Oil weakened slightly, although Imperial Oil benefits materially from the larger dividends paid by International Petroleum. Cosmos Imperial advanced 1-1/2 points, International Utilities "A" 1 point, International Utilities "B" 1 point, Laura Secord 1 point, Massey Harris 1 point, Canadian Dredge 1 point, Fanny Farmer 1 point, Dominion Stores 1 point, Durant 1 point, Goodyear 5 points, Vinegar 2 points.

## WEEKLY RANGE CANADIAN STOCKS

(Branson, Brown &amp; Co., Ltd.)

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Alta. Pac. pfd.	40	38	39
Alta. Pac. com.	40	38	39
Bell Tel.	108 1/2	107 1/2	108
Brimley	49 1/2	47 1/2	48 1/2
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Bromley com.	33	31	32
P. N. B. com.	33	31	32
Canada Bread	30	28	29
Can. Pac. pfd.	30	28	29
Can. Pac. com.	30	28	29
Can. Gen. Electric pfd.	18	17 1/2	18
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Can. Oil	30	28	29
Can. Oil pfd.	30	28	29
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General R. P. Clark Gives Impressions Received on Visit in England and Eastern Canada

Following is an extract from a letter received from General R. P. Clark since his return from London, Ontario, and Eastern Canada. "It will be of interest to you to hear the impressions I received on my recent visit to England and the East regarding Canadian financial matters. "I had the opportunity of meeting many leading brokers and operators and discussing financial generally. "Prior to the bad market recession of the latter part of October, London was very bullish as to Canadian securities. While expressing considerable doubt as to the justification of high prices ruling on the New York and other American exchanges, Canadian stocks were then considered to be on a much sounder and more stable basis. The ratio of earnings and cost was stressed considerably. The ultra-conservative system, as frequently adopted in the United States of America, of adding earnings to reserve and not paying out in a reasonable way as dividends to present shareholders, was strongly condemned. "INTEREST IN CANADA "That very great interest has been taken in Canada was evidenced by the fact that almost eighty members of the London Stock Exchange were over here during the Summer and Fall of this year, and all returned very bullish over Canadian affairs. Until the landslide in New York, London was in a very receptive mood for considering Canadian securities and situations, and just as soon as the debris has been all cleared away, which will probably take six months, the Old Country will surely turn its attention to investments in this country. "I was particularly impressed with the intimate knowledge that London possessed of British Columbia industries and securities. British Columbia Power, British Columbia Telephone and Coast Breweries were frequently mentioned. The eyes of English financial men are turned this way and only good can result from a closer financial connection with the Mother Country. "In Eastern Canada brokers and bankers were unanimous in stating that the bottom had been reached in the better class of securities and that a good trading market could be looked forward to. "Several leading members of the Eastern exchanges stated that they had, at the present time, more clients on their books and were doing more business than they were in September before the landslide occurred. "From my observation I feel confident we can look forward to good normal times with a steady and increasing demand for securities with good equities behind them and a fair record of earnings."

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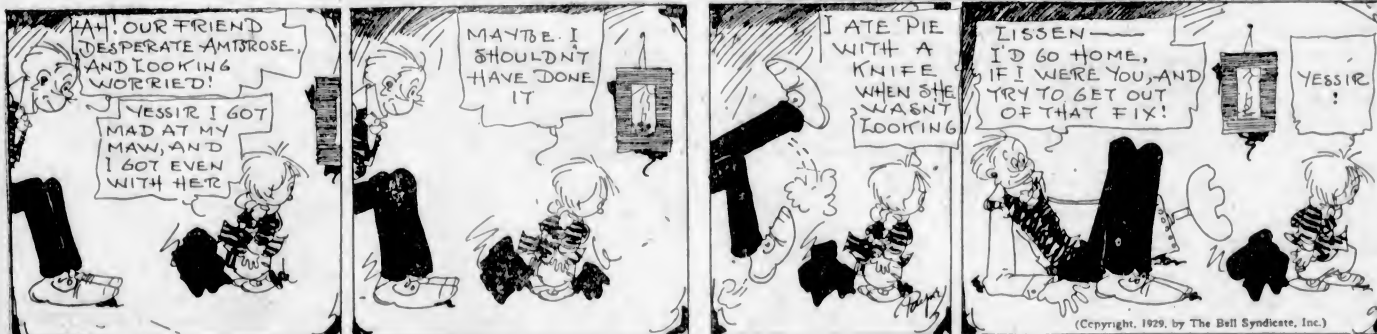
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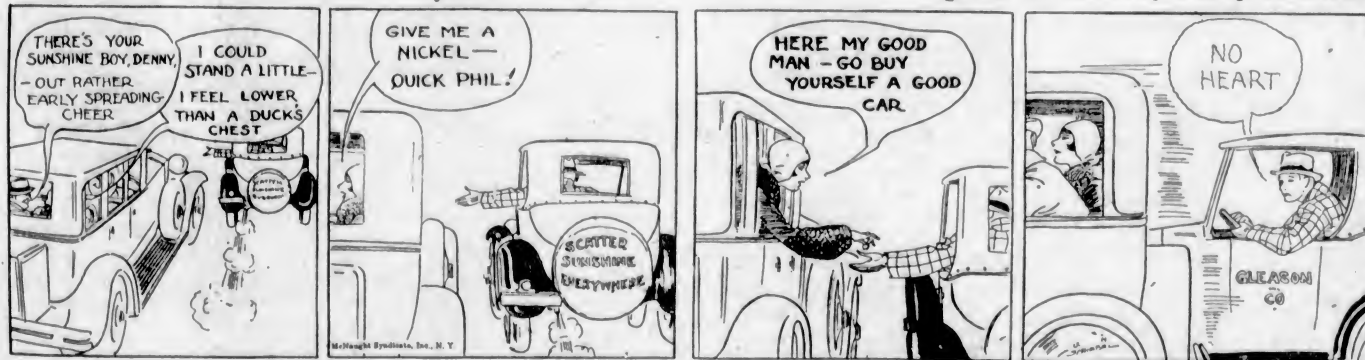
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# EMBARRASSING MOMENTS



## Health and Diet Advice

By DR. FRANK MCCOY

### WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR SHAPE?

The science of form is called morphology. We may do well to study this science in its relationship to the formation of the human body. The conformation of the various muscles, bones, and tissues, and the habitual postures we assume, are all the results of our physical and mental habits. The one who is shapelessly thin is, so, possibly, because of a tendency in that direction, but many errors of life on the physical and mental plane have only served to exaggerate the natural tendency. The thin person is generally nervous and irritable, and the proper practice of thought control will tend to overcome these nervous habits and assist in correcting metabolism. This type is so active physically that they burn up too much muscular and nerve tissue. Regulated periods of rest will bring about a gain in weight and a relaxed feeling of respiration.

The one inclined to obesity is liable to be lazy mentally and physically. Too much relaxation with this type will encourage the gaining of more weight, with a sluggishness of mind and a more misshapen body with perhaps a protruding abdomen and an ill-proportioned figure. Less food and more exercise will easily restore the body to a symmetrical form.

One who sits at a desk all day often finds after a few years that weight is accumulating around his mid-section. If his work requires so much of this sitting posture, the only cure will be found in taking a long walk each day, increasing the

distance until the excess baggage is removed. Time for this will be found in the early morning or just before dinner in the evening. If hours of work seem to interfere, give up an hour or more from your work for this profitable and pleasant exercise, and you will be richly repaid in more "pep" both mentally and physically.

The round shouldered person is not only less lovely to look at, but shows a weakness of respiratory function, and is the one to easily develop such disorders as tuberculosis and asthma. All of the stoop shouldered type will be found to have a poor diaphragmatic action, which simply means that their breathing power is not up to the normal. The cure is found in the taking of exercises to strengthen the back muscles, and in deep diaphragmatic breathing.

Little good is accomplished by trying to correct round shoulders by throwing the shoulders back when standing. The motion does not require enough muscular tension to be helpful. Instead, take those exercises where the arms and legs are raised backwards while lying face

downward on the floor. In a few weeks you will be surprised to find the shoulders staying back in good position as the back muscles regain their necessary strength.

A small thorax will enlarge to normal if deep breathing is practiced several times daily, expanding and contracting the lower ribs to the utmost. If these back exercises and breathing exercises are taken faithfully, your spine, which may have been as crooked as a Virginia rail fence, will return to a beautifully classical conformation.

Correspondents wishing to communicate with Dr. McCoy should address letters: Dr. Frank McCoy, c/o McCoy Publications, Inc., 600 South Ardmore Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Maud - "What's a monologue, daddy?"  
Father - "A conversation between husband and wife, my dear."  
"I thought that was a dialogue."  
"No, a dialogue is where two persons are speaking."

## FOUR OPEN MONTHS ON HUDSON ROUTE

August, September and October Given by McLean Expedition as Only Sure Months

OTTAWA, Dec. 7.-The first definite light that has been shed on Hudson Bay Strait as a navigable passage is contained in the release from Ottawa this month of the official report of the McLean expedition to Hudson Bay. For sixteen months this expedition carried on investigations at the strait of Hudson Bay to determine ice conditions and to study the requirements necessary to insure safe navigation on the proposed new ocean route to the Atlantic. It was the first of its kind to be undertaken.

Apparently there is little hope of the bay being navigable for more than three to four months in an average season, it is reported. There is not yet sufficient knowledge over a period of years to determine this. The usual period will be during the months of August, September, and October with some traffic late in July and early in November.

At the outset the report states that "Data obtained during two seasons only is entirely insufficient on which to base any accurate statement in regard to the opening, closing or length of the season of navigation." However, it is said by those who are most familiar with conditions at the bay that the expedition carried out their observations in an extremely favorable year and that over a period of years the average condition would probably be much less favorable than the report would indicate.

As an example of the variability of navigation seasons, it is pointed out that records of the River St. Lawrence, for instance, show that the average opening date for the last twenty years was April 18. The earliest opening date during that period was March 20 and the latest May 1, a difference of thirty-two days. This condition is likely to be aggravated if anything on the Hudson Strait.

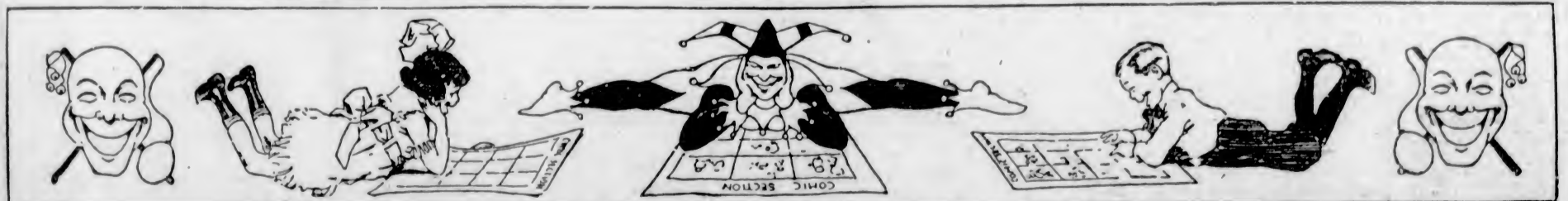
A famous pianist was to give a recital in a large hall. As the audience was filling in a man staggered up to the door and presented a ticket. "You can't go in," said the official in charge, "you are not in a fit condition."

"Didn't I pay for my ticket?" asked the man. "Isn't it in order?" "It's all right, was the reply, "but you-you are all wrong-you are intoxicated." "Intoxicated! Of course I'm intoxicated! If I wasn't, do you think I'd come to a piano recital?"

# COLONIST DAILY COMIC FEATURE



MUTT AND JEFF :- You Don't Have to Wash or Press a Barrel :- By BUD FISHER





# Modernizing Is Always Possibility

## IMPROVEMENT MAY BEGIN AT ANY TIME

In Climate of Coast Building Operations Are Seldom Handicapped by Season

### MODERNIZING HAS ADVANTAGES

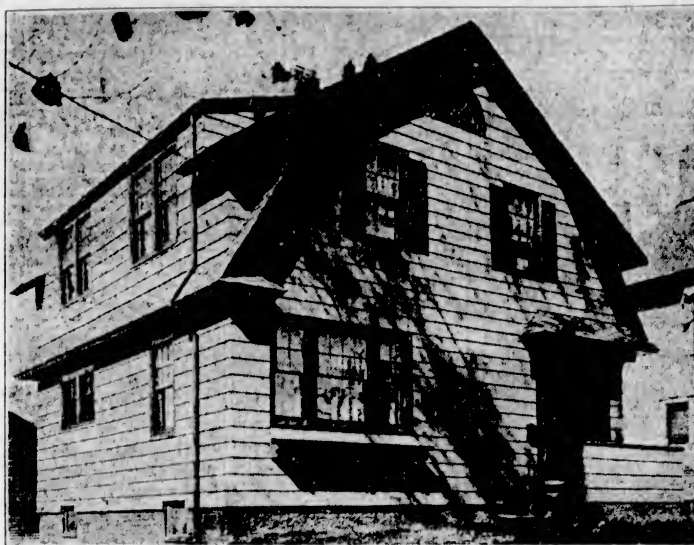
The average home owner used to believe that he had to modernize during the Spring and Summer months of the year. This belief was based on the erroneous idea that modernizing was synonymous with remodeling.

Such is not the case. Modernizing is a year round possibility. The season of the year has little influence on modernizing, for the movement is broader than a building season.

During the dead of Winter or the heat of Summer it is possible to improve the appearance and accessories of the home.

**IDEA STARTS MODERNIZING**  
Modernizing starts when the home owner begins to make plans for needed improvements about the house. It starts with the idea that the old homestead is behind the times. It starts when the man of

## Creates Stately Dutch Colonial Home



the house begins to plan for a new heating plant or a remodeled exterior, when the lady of the house purchases varied accessories to beautify the home.

Any effort to improve the appearance, convenience and beauty of the home is modernizing. Every endeavor to make the home up to date places the home owner in step with the movement.

### SEASONABLE EFFORTS

Seasonable effort is necessary under certain circumstances. When the modernization plan of the owner contemplates the remodeling of the residence, these extensive alterations must be made when the weather is favorable, and when carpenters and painters can do outside work.

Many types of alterations, however, can be made during the colder weather. Interior decorating of all types is not dependent on weather—new paper can be placed on the walls, hardwood floors can be varnished and tiling laid in the bathroom while blizzards rage outside or the rain patters down.

Nor does season enter into the purchasing of such home accessories as new washing machines, gas stoves, lamps, electrical outlets, draperies and furniture. All of these are modernization efforts, all fit into the home modernizing programme.

Now is the time to think about improving your home. Is your home new or out of date? Is it comfortable and convenient, or lacking in some of the things that make life easier and sweeter?

If your answer shows that equipment is needed, then you should join the home modernizing movement. You should devote your thought and efforts toward making the home a more pleasant place in which to live.

There is no need to delay. You can start now as well as later. And the sooner you will enjoy the delights of a modern, well-appointed home.

### QUAINT ORIGIN OF DUTCH COLONIAL

The origin of the Dutch Colonial style of architecture with its dormer windows piercing the extended shingled roof is explained in the following story, which sounds plausible.

The original Dutch settlers of New Amsterdam were sturdy souls, and when a tax was placed on two story houses, the settlers got around the law by designing their two-story houses with roofs which swept down the side of the second floor to the ceiling point of the usual first floors. The second floor technically became an attic by this design, and so the house was not subject to roof tax.

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## Wall Beds Add Another Room To Services of the Small Home

A spare bedroom is a mighty fine thing to have for the occasional over-night guest. Such a spare room eliminates all necessity of ushering out the guest with apologies for not being able to provide a lodging, or of entirely disrupting the sleeping arrangements of the household.

The average home owner, however, cannot afford to add another room to the house with the sole idea of having available a spare bedroom for the chance guest.

The expenditure of \$500 or \$1,000 for a room that is only used occasionally is an expense that is often unwarranted. Yet with slight alterations it is often possible to provide sleeping quarters that are comfortable and available at a moment's notice.

The modern wall bed solves the problem of the extra room.

Wall beds were originally designed for apartment houses where each square foot of floor space was at a premium. The wall bed is hid behind a door in a closet, the bed being swung out and lowered when needed. The closet space behind may be great enough to use as a dressing room, or it may be a simple recess.

**THE MEMORIAL STONE**  
"That's a fine diamond in your eye, Ike," said Moses. "It must have cost you a lot of money." "Oh, no," replied Ike. "It cost me nothing." "How's that?" asked Moses. "You remember poor old Joseph who died last week," said Ike; "well, I was his executor, and he left \$100 in his will for a memorial stone. This is the stone!"

Divorce is almost unknown in Sweden, the land of safety-matches.



While \$2,000 is the figure usually given as the cost of modernizing the average house, the illustration to the left shows a house which was modernized into a Dutch colonial house for \$1,700.

Above is a view of the house before the contractor started to work. The contrast in the pictures shows the delightful effects that can be obtained with a little thought.

### DUTCH COLONIAL POPULAR

The Dutch colonial type of dwelling is usually marked by low eaves and broad dormer windows. It is a popular design being developed to make the spaces immediately under the roof habitable. The roof may not be broken by dormers, but usually these are necessary to give light to the interior of the second floor.

The Dutch colonial house meets the needs of the moderate sized family. The exterior gives pleasing lines without waste of space or material.

### STOOP REPLACES PORCH

In modernizing this house the old front porch with its ginger bread trimmings was removed and a small stoop with a shelter substituted. The main entrance to the interior was placed at the right of the front elevation, the older entrance being enclosed.

The single window opening at the left of the old entrance has been widened into a bay of three sliding windows. Below is a window box for flowers.

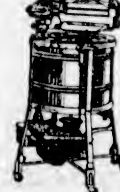
The front windows on the second floor have been set off by wooden shutters painted in a contrasting color. New sash and trim are used as the former tall narrow windows do not give that comfortable homey look that is typical with the Dutch Colonial. Over these windows in the gable is a semi-circular window with fan lights, which affords daylight to the attic.

The roof lines of the house have been changed to give the former effect. Broad dormers on each side of roof break the roof to provide the necessary light and ventilation. The former window openings at the side on the second floor have been widened to a bay containing two double hung windows.

Few home owners modernize with the idea of deliberately increasing the cash value of their property. They usually have in mind the creature comforts that come with these improvements. They think of the convenience of hardwood floors over the older softwood, and of the tiled bath and showers, of the floor lamps in service without overhead cords running from the centre cluster of lights, of sunshine pouring through wide bay windows. Modernization makes life worth living. It increases not only bodily satisfaction, but mental enjoyment.

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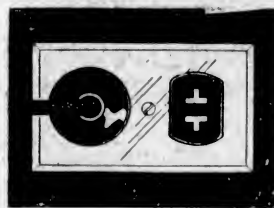
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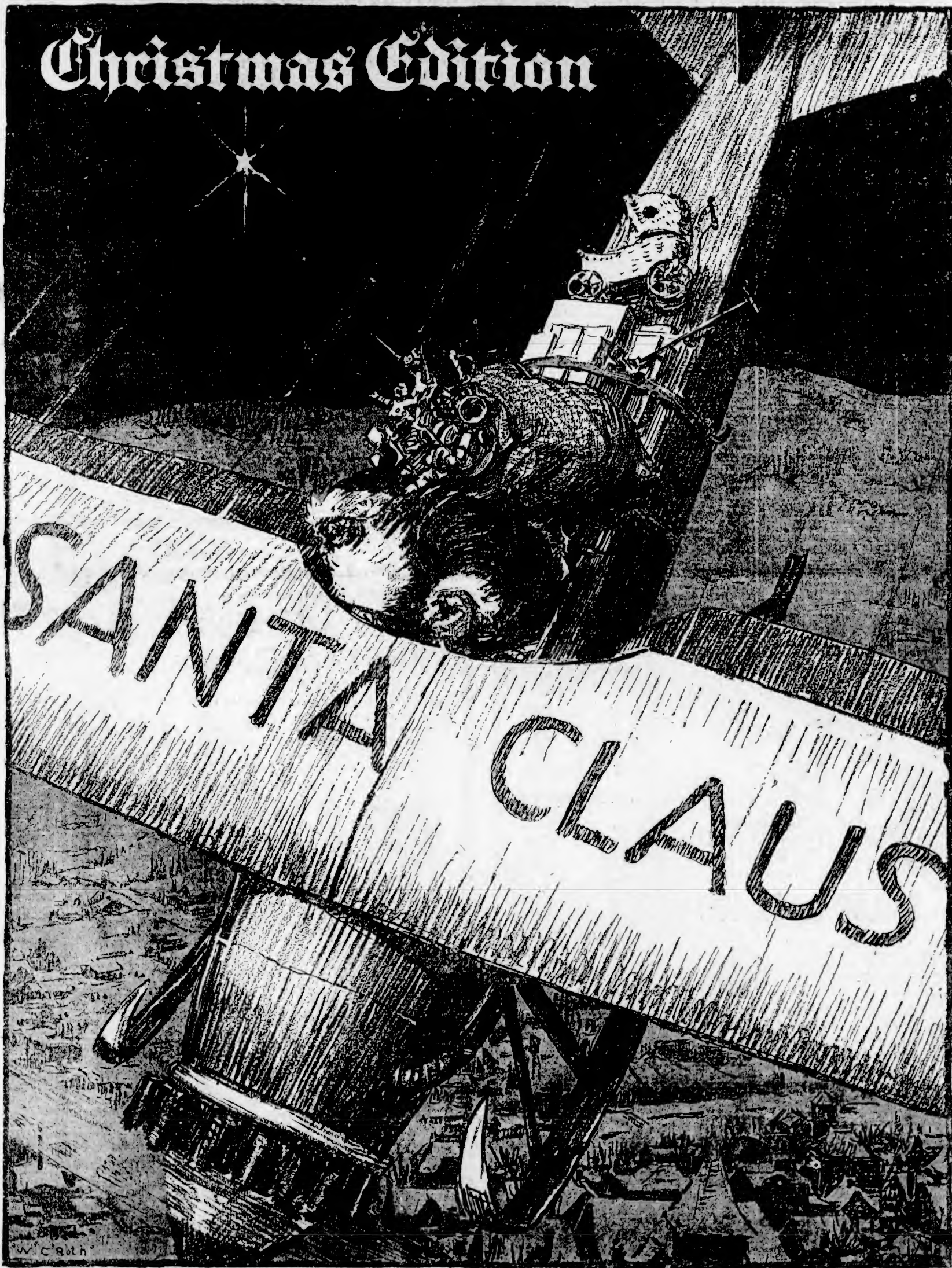
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# Christmas Period Is Time of Giving

## PEAK OF SHOPPING SEASON COMES BEFORE CHRISTMAS WITH MULTITUDE OF GIFTS

Colonist Issues Supplement to Aid Selection of Yuletide Remembrances and to Help Harassed Housewives in Their Choice of Articles

### Thrill of Christmas Morn Still Cheers Every Heart

"Buy Early and Save Yourself Trouble" Is Practical Advice Given to Householders Who Wish to Do Their Holiday Shopping With Comfort Before Crowds of Final Week

THE year has rolled round, almost unperceived by many of us, until we stand once more on the threshold of Christmas. Apart from the sacred nature of its origin, the season signals the revival of old-fashioned customs, which, for the bulk of twelve months, lie buried beneath a crust of twentieth century professed cynicism. But with the arrival of Christmas this is forgotten and all of us, young and old, become children at heart, eager to participate in the spirit of festive good will. Many of the old customs have fallen into disuse with the passing of the years. As the centres of civilization have become larger and more cosmopolitan the community spirit of festivity has gradually been forced out. Gone is the old "Yule Log," a night on that first Christmas morning. The benevolent spirit, called by different names, the Christ-child in Germany; Saint Nicholas, in Russia; Santa Claus, in the Norseland, and Father Christmas in England, is a tradition prized in every home. Few there are who can remember the thrill of Christmas morning, the eager rush to examine the stockings, filled to the brim with the very things longed for.

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The keeping up of these traditions, kept alive in spirit if not in letter through the centuries, is a responsibility which falls on all, irrespective of age or position. Purchasing of suitable gifts perhaps presents the greatest problem of all. The Christmas spirit essentially begins in the home, then passes outside the circle to friends and less intimate acquaintances. The kiddies are even now keyed up to intense anticipation of the coming visit of the Santa Claus, and wide-eyed specu-

lation prevails. Their elders, too, are planning lists of what to give, and how best to convey the message of Christmas good-will.

With this in mind, our Christmas number has been carefully thought out and written to give Christmas shoppers the needed help in the problem of "What shall I give?" If it is approached in the right spirit, with plenty of time at your disposal, and with a carefully compiled list to hand, Christmas shopping loses the terror it presents to most people, and becomes a genuine pleasure. Many Victorians have already commenced their Christmas shopping, according to the answer of several prominent storekeepers when questioned. It is strange that the mental anguish and the physical strain that "last minute" shoppers yearly put themselves through does not prove to them the wisdom of early purchasing. Everyone is familiar with the hectic rush of the miniature mob which are in evidence everywhere during the last few days of shopping. Human beings are packed like sheep into stores that are hot and unhealthy with overcrowding. It is obvious to everyone that this could be avoided by early buying. It stands to reason that better value, better service and a wider selection can only be had by co-operation with the storekeepers.

Just a few of the discomforts of late shopping could be thus enumerated. Being jostled on crowded city streets, with the hazards of being hurt by congested traffic ever present; being pushed and squeezed about in store crowds where multitudes clamor for the same article; dealing with nervous, overworked clerks, who cannot possibly render the same service as at normal times; and so on endlessly.

#### HELP THE MAIL

Then there is the fact that if presents for relatives or friends in distant parts are not obtained now, they will not arrive on or before Christmas. Recipients of Christmas gifts always appreciate them much more if they reach their destinations at the proper time. Many times kiddies, and even grown-ups, have

suffered real disappointment only to have it partially assuaged by the belated arrival of the expected gift, days late.

Shoppers often offer the excuse that they are not buying early as they have no place to store the gifts until it is time to mail them; or when they wish to arrange with Santa Claus to have them delivered to certain expectant young people. Many homes have ideal hiding or storing places for these gifts. And when there is no such storage place available, merchants are more than willing to co-operate and provide storage. Procrastination is, without doubt, the robber of valuable time. And procrastination in buying Christmas presents in the same way is the thief of much peace of mind. Just before the great day, buy early, put the gift away, and avoid the eleventh hour rush, that works such hardships upon mind and body.

#### LESSON OF EXPERIENCE

One successful shopper has related her happy experience of early purchasing, the need of which was learned through the unpleasant, though common, habit of leaving the buying until the last minute.

"Long before Christmas, a month or more, when people are still considering the festivities an event of the dim, distant future, I have completed my Christmas list. With this to work from I then decide what to give each recipient. Not an easy task in itself, but with plenty of time on my hands I can do it pleasantly and easily. My tour of the stores follows. Shoppers would be surprised at the real assistance that clerks can give in selecting gifts, when they have not got a howling mob to face. The buying is completed leisurely, with the clerks courteous and in an agreeable humor and with the purchaser able to select the very article they need."

#### YE GOOD OLD SAINT NICK

We hear ye jingle of ye sleigh,  
And gladly in our toil we pause  
To welcome on this Christmas Day  
Ye fat and jolly Santa Claus;  
He cometh down ye sootie flue  
To humble cot or lordly hall  
And singeth out his loud halloo.  
"A Merry Christmas to You All!"  
His smile is broad, his heart is warm.  
He bringeth funne and right good cheer,  
And be there calm or be there storm,  
He cometh surely once a year.  
And in our hearts he lights a glow.  
Beneath his magic spell we fall,  
Till we too greet high and low  
With "Merry Christmas to You All!"  
Thy day he rules the world, his laws  
Are laws of love and peace and mirth;  
Ah, would that gentle Santa Claus  
Might ever govern the earth!  
Yette are we grateful that he brings  
One Day of Joy for Great and Small,  
One day when all ye planet rings.

## SANTA CLAUS ORIGINATED IN TURKEY

Nicholas of Myra Was Prototype of Modern Father Christmas of Western Nations

### EARLY BISHOP WORKED MIRACLES

THE young scoffer who asserts that there is no Santa Claus may be right regarding a man in a red drawn by reindeer, but if he says there is no Saint Nicholas he is wrong, as every village in Europe can testify, writes Myra M. Waterman, in The New York Times. The memory of Saint Nicholas is kept alive wherever there is a shrine in his name in France, Russia, Italy or Holland, and wherever good deeds are done on Christmas Day in any part of the world.

On December 6, 352, a benevolent old man, who was destined to become the patron saint of all children, scholars, parish clerks, travelers, thieves, merchants, sailors, pawnbrokers, and maiden ladies, died in Myra, Lycia. Now he is called Saint Nick, Kris Kringle, or Santa Claus.

In 352 he was known as the good bishop of Myra. Now he is the most beloved saint in the Christian calendar. Then he was one of the most beloved of men living. Now his death day is commemorated by the giving of presents. When Nicholas was alive the recipients of his bounty were numberless in Asia Minor and his name was synonymous with goodness and generosity. Little is known of the real facts of Nicholas' life. He was born in the city of Parara, in Lycia, Asia Minor, some time late in the third century. The exact date is not known. Before his birth—the so-called rum—appeared to his parents and told them that they would soon have a little son and that his name should be Nicholas, which means Victory of the People. His parents were noblemen, very well to do, and were so pleased at this announcement from Heaven's

messenger that they gave many gifts to the poor in honor of the coming baby. Thus even before his birth the spirit of giving was connected with Saint Nicholas. The peasants of the country watched for the birth of the baby with more than ordinary interest, and were overjoyed later to find him a much more than ordinary child. When he was only a few days old, before most children are able to do more than squirm and cry, it is said that he astonished his parents and nurse by rising upright in his bath and thanking the Almighty that he had been permitted to come into the world. At this tender age he pledged himself to help God by helping His people.

Being a nobleman, he was sent to school, where he learned quickly. While his companions were playing, however, Nicholas spent his time talking with his teachers and studying, so it is no wonder that he soon was able to give instruction. Grace and holiness were the subjects of his lessons, and so holy was his bearing that many heretics were converted by merely looking at him. On fast days he insisted on being allowed to fast with the most pious of the adults. In every way he showed himself equal to the wisest churchmen. He became the youngest bishop in the history of the church.

Where dates and facts relating to his life are missing, there is an abundance of legend concerning the miracles he is said to have performed. On a pilgrimage to Jerusalem he was credited first with ability to restore the dead to life.

One of the sailors on the vessel in which he was traveling fell into the sea and was drowned—at least this is the fable. The story does not tell who fished out the body. But Nicholas, then a young priest, touched the sailor with some holy water and he lived. For this reason sailors particularly love Saint Nicholas and never forget to offer prayers to him when the sea is rough. He is reputed to have the power to quiet troubled waters as well as save from drowning the sailor washed overboard.

But by the time he performed this miracle Nicholas was already known throughout the Christian world for his generosity to the nobleman of Parara. This nobleman had lost all of his money. Indeed, he was so poor that he did not have enough to eat; and his three beautiful daughters, faint with hunger and sorely disappointed that they had no dowry, did nothing but weep all day long. They were husbandless and breadless.

Nicholas heard of this family, and puzzled for a long time over a manner in which he could give aid without letting his assistance be known.

Finally, on each of three successive dark nights he took a purse of gold and dropped it through a grating into the nobleman's house. It is possible, although there is no authentic record, that this was the beginning of the tradition that Santa Claus comes by stealth to leave presents in the night. By helping the daughters to obtain a dowry, Saint Nicholas became the patron saint of all unmarried women.

In the reign of the Roman Emperor Diocletian, Nicholas was persecuted with many other Christians. Under Constantine, however, he was given many honors. On his return from a pilgrimage to the Holy Land he took up his residence in Myra, where he was made Archbishop. There he is credited by legend with another miracle. There was a famine at Myra. Hearing of some ships from Alexandria on their way to Constantinople with cargoes of grain, Nicholas went down to the harbor where these ships were resting on their way, and asked the commander of the fleet to let him have enough grain for the starving city, assuring him that no grain would be missing. Bags emptied of grain were immediately and mysteriously refilled, and the grain was sent on to Constantinople with as much grain as if he had not left many bushels of it behind.

Another legendary miracle involves the story of three Greek boys who, on their way to school, went to Myra to ask the blessing of the Archbishop. Stopping one night at an inn, they were murdered by the innkeeper, who cut their bodies into small pieces and placed the bits in a cauldron. Because he had blessed the lads, Nicholas knew immediately of their deaths and so went to the inn, where he found the cauldron and assembled the pieces, giving the boys life again. By virtue of this miracle, Nicholas is also the patron saint of schoolboys.

#### PAWNBROKER OF CALABRIA

Many other stories are told of the miracles of Saint Nicholas. One concerns a rich pawnbroker of Calabria, who is said to have stolen an image of Saint Nicholas from a church and set it up in his house to watch over his goods. In the night, robbers came and stole his riches, and the pawnbroker, taking revenge on the image of the saint, threw it on the floor.

That same night Nicholas appeared to the robbers, who were camping in a forest. He was cut and bleeding, as if he had been severely beaten. When the brigands saw his condition it did not take many words of his to convince them that they should return the stolen goods. Moreover, he so impressed them with his kindness and holiness that they vowed never to rob again, and adopted him on the spot as their patron saint.

The pawnbroker, too, seeing his goods restored to him, repented of the evil he had done in stealing the image and defacing it, and he was immediately converted to Christianity. Nicholas was made the patron saint of pawnbrokers, who adopted the three golden balls, a symbol of the three purses given to the ruined nobleman as a token of his repentance. There are other theories as to the genesis of the three balls of the pawnbroker, but this is a popular one.

The miracles of Nicholas are held not to have ceased with his death. He was buried in Myra, where his tomb became the shrine to which thousands of people made yearly pilgrimages. Many unsuccessful attempts were made to remove his body. Finally, in 1087, some Italian merchants came to Myra with an order which they said was from the Pope, giving permission to transport his bones to Italy. The body was disinterred with much ceremony, and a casket with the 700-year-old remains of the saint was put on board a ship. On the journey some sailors, hoping to gain a particular blessing for themselves, stole some small bones from the casket. At once a terrible storm arose, which did not subside until the bones were restored to their place again.

Nicholas, long since canonized, was buried a second time with great pomp in Bari, Italy, where his cult in that country immediately began. An oily substance, known as "Manna di Saint Nicola," highly prized for medicinal purposes, is said to flow from his tomb. Into this bandages soaked some small bones from the casket, whereupon the wounds are at once healed.

The gradual confounding of this real saint with the legendary Santa Claus is difficult to trace. The commemoration of his death, on December 6, is still celebrated in some countries, while in others the nearness of the date to Christmas has caused the confusion of the two.

Since Nicholas is the patron saint of Russia in particular, it is likely that the red, fur-trimmed garments in which the American children dress their Santa Claus, are borrowed from the Russian conception. Scandinavia borrowed its legends from Germany. From Lapland, it is said, we get the idea of Santa Claus coming in a sleigh drawn by reindeer. Thus we have an Asian saint, clad in Russian blouse, trousers and boots, arriving on our rooftops in a strictly Scandinavian vehicle. But however we may have changed our image of St. Nicholas, we have not essentially altered our conception of his generosity.



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## SUGGESTION TO ENTERTAIN FOR YULE SEASON

Programme Is Outlined for School or Club, With Simple Features Described

The following outline is suggested for a Christmas programme for a club or for a schoolroom. It is assumed that a piano will be available.

able. Organ music would be of great assistance.  
Prelude—Pastoral Symphony from "The Messiah."  
Chorus—"O Little Town of Bethlehem."  
Tableau—The Three Wise Men, Joseph and Mary with the Christ Child.  
Music—"We Three Kings of Orient Are."  
Quintette or Chorus—"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"; "O Come All Ye Faithful."  
Tableau—The Yule Log (Children dragging in the log).  
Chorus—"God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen."  
Postlude—Handel's Largo.  
To this programme two or more recitations might be added. "Christmas Hymns," by Charles Wesley (which may be found in volume 45 of the Harvard Classics, page 574), has a fine ringing air. It begins: Hark! How all the welkin rings,

Glory to the King of Kings!  
MAY USE TENNYSON'S POEM  
This might be inserted on the programme immediately following the first tableau. Another recitation that would end the programme in a fitting manner is Tennyson's "Ring Out Wild Bells to the Wild Sky." The last verse makes an appropriate benediction.  
If this were to be held in a church, the somewhat pagan character of the tableau, the Yule Log, might be an objection. This could be omitted and the carol "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen" be inserted. Readings from the Scriptures about the Birth of Christ could be given.  
The tableau, "The Three Wise Men," could be preceded by a Scriptural reading, too. A tableau should present a definite picture to the mind. It will, therefore, be most effective if the costumes are full of



Bringing in the Yule Log. Scene at the Empress Hotel, New Year's Eve, 1928.

color and the lighting carefully studied. Colored lights may help, but the scene must not be rendered too dim by too great a use of them.

**SUGGESTION FOR TABLEAU**  
The composition of this tableau must be thought out. Of course, the background will suggest a stable, very crude in its construction. A manger can be forward, beside Mary. Mary in blue with the Christ Child on her knee, with Joseph in dark red standing behind her, might be on a raised platform, at the left centre of the stage. At the right would be the group of wise men. A gilded box lying on a cloth would lie at Mary's feet. The first wise man would kneel, the second would carry a box on his arm as if about to offer it, while the third would stand at the rear. Bright colors in the costumes will further assist in completing the picture.

An old print shows the ceremony of the Yule Log. The log is roped and is being dragged by four boys of ten years of age. Their costumes suggest Elizabethan times. They are headed toward a great fireplace (which with wood paneling would form the back drop). On the log sits a youngster of four or five who is being held here by his solicitous mother.

**COURT FOOL AMUSES CHILD**  
A court fool is playing back of her for the child's benefit. At the right a group of older folk are seated about a heavy wood table watching the fun. At the left a staid dame is seated, pointing her stick at the log. Over her bends a fine gentleman. Another man and his lady, stand further back at the left. With the glow of the fire for a background this should present a picture of humor and charm. While this tableau was being prepared, Robert Herrick's lines could be recited:

Kindle the Christmas brand, and then  
Till sunne-set let it burne;  
Which quencht, then lay it up again,  
Till Christmas next returne.  
Part must be kept wherewith to lend  
The Christmas log next year;  
And when 'tis safely kept, the Fiend  
Can do no mischief there.



Philip Manion pulled down the curtains of an angry jerk. Then his voice snapped out a sharp command to his chauffeur: "Get off this crowded street, Jenkins! This Christmas crowd is most annoying, running around like insane people!"

Jenkins gave a quiet assent and soon the big car slid quietly into the wide smoothness of the boulevard. But the traffic condition of this thoroughfare was no less displeasing to Philip Manion than the rush and hurry of the business section. It seemed as if every car in town must be there.

He grew more irritated each moment, so much so that even the well-trained chauffeur felt its influence. For the first time in his life Jenkins sacrificed safety to speed as he tried to get his master away from the thing that irritated him so. And the result was, as it so often is in such cases—a crash. It all happened so quickly both master and man were dumb with surprise and fright for a moment.

The after-accident crowd that comes from no one knows where had quickly assembled. Ugly threats were passed around. The driver of the twisted taxi was hurling hot words at the white-faced Jenkins. Both drivers were unhurt.

But Philip Manion was unmindful of them all. He was bending over the unconscious form of a woman who lay inside the cab. Blood was streaming from a gash on her forehead and to all appearances she lay dead.

"Oh, Clare, Clare!" Manion was crying brokenly. "It is I—Philip. Won't you speak to me? You—won't go and leave me to live on and know I killed you?"

But no answer came to his pleas; the white lips seemed to be still forever. Manion covered his face with his hands and sobbed bitterly. Then some one pulled him back from the cab—a doctor had come. And in a few minutes they were hurrying to the nearest hospital.

For an hour that seemed like an eternity Manion waited for the doctor's verdict. Gone was all the bitterness and hostility toward all that had possessed him in the past two years; in their place tenderness and sympathy had come back again. He

knew now the cause for the way he had been acting; he had just been trying to crush out and stifle the crying of his heart. It was the need of Clare, the stifling of his love for her, that had turned him into a hard and bitter man.

"Oh, God! let her live!" he cried over and over. "Let her live to know that I am not the cur that she thinks I am. Let her live to know that it was stubbornness and pride only that kept me away. Oh, if I had only given in and told her the truth."

A door that held a message of life

or death opened very softly and a smiling doctor motioned him in. A great surge of joy filled his heart; he knew Clare was going to live. As he entered there came from the street below the voices of carol singers, clear and sweet upon the evening air.

God rest ye, little children, let nothing you effright.  
For Jesus Christ, your Saviour, was born upon this night.  
Alone the hills of Galilee the white flocks sleeping lay,  
When Christ, the child of Nazareth, was born on Christmas day.

As if at the sound, Clare Manion

stirred softly, then her eyes opened very slowly and took in the outlines of the unfamiliar room. They fell upon the man, standing with bowed head in the doorway.

"Philip, Oh, Philip! Is—it really you, or am I dreaming?" The joy in the weak voice was unmistakable.

"Yes, it is I, Clare." Manion's voice was broken and hoarse as he sank down upon his knees by the bed. "Can—you ever forgive me for what I have done? All I ask is a chance to atone—to show you that I can be all that you once thought me."

Next day, when the Christmas bells were pealing out their message of peace on earth and good will toward all men, no two persons felt the joy of the age-old tidings in a greater measure than they, for their hearts had opened to new understanding and faith in each other.

**THE EARLY BIRD CATCHES A CHILL**  
Jones had been spending his evenings unwisely and too well. One evening he arrived home so late and so confused that he crawled on to the soft earth of a flower bed in the middle of the lawn and went to sleep.

When he awoke he looked up and saw his wife staring down on him from an upper window. Feeling decidedly chilly, Jones called up to her: "Shut that window at once. Do you want me to catch my death of cold?"

**INSTEAD OF CHRISTMAS TREE**  
Italy has an "Urn of Fate" instead of a Christmas tree. They put their Christmas gifts into a big deep bowl, and grown people in a family take turns drawing for gifts.

## Country Which Has Feminine Santa Claus

Italian youngsters must wait twelve days longer than their Canadian brothers for their Christmas presents.

When the presents do make their belated appearance at Epiphany early in New Year, their bearer is not a jolly, corpulent, ruddy-faced, white-whiskered gentleman clothed in red fur-tipped garments, carrying a bulging sack along over one shoulder, who surreptitiously glides down the kitchen chimney, but an ugly hag who comes sailing in at the window astride a broomstick. She is never seen by the children, who shiver in bed on the eve of Epiphany in mixed fear and anticipation.

Her name is Befana and she is the very same woman who on the day of the Nativity, in far-off Bethlehem, refused to go to the window to see the Magi go by, because she was too busy sweeping the house. She was condemned to sweep for all eternity, with but one yearly respite, when she was permitted to bring joy to children by showering gifts upon them. Immediately afterwards the feminine Santa Claus returns to her sweeping for another year. Foreign children living in Italy are told a different story. The Befana for them is the wife of Santa Claus. She does this work for him in southern climes as his sled and reindeer cannot cross the snowless ground and he cannot endure the warm temperature. Some children are fortunate enough to be received by both Santa Claus and his wife and to receive a double ration of presents.



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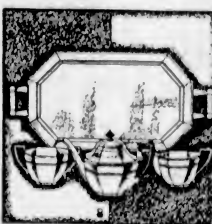


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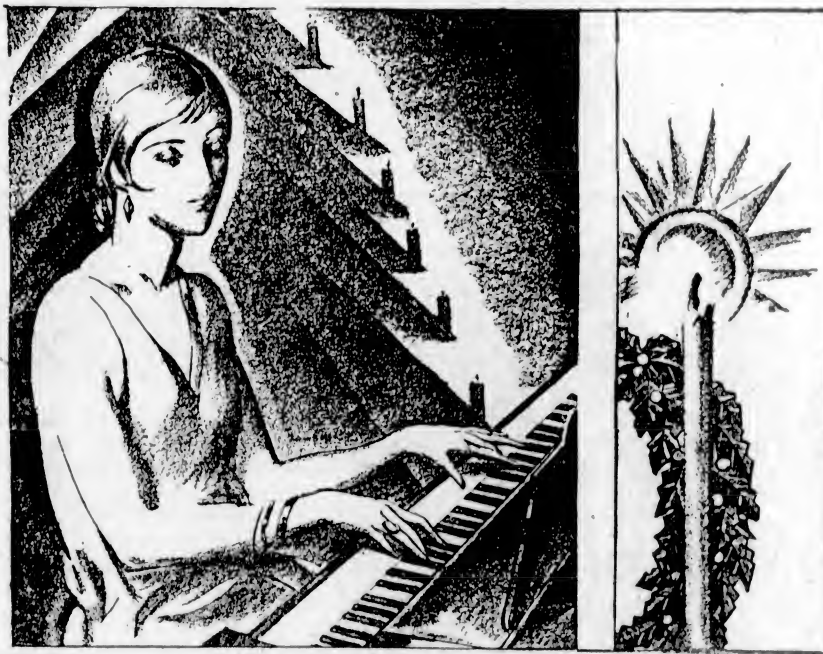


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## Christmas Revels Were Unusual in Northern Outposts

How Traders and Trappers of Old Observed Christmas in the Wilds of Canada When Transportation Was Slow and Travel Serious Handicap—All Nationalities Participated

## Paul Kane Tells How Yule Was Kept at Fort Edmonton

WHILE the more recent inventions of man serve to mitigate the loneliness of the great empty spaces which comprise Canada's great Northland, those white guardians of civilization of the fringe of the Arctic have to depend upon their own resources to a great extent to mark the Christmas festival. Radio, it is true, brings them in touch with the services in church and chapel that mark the spiritual side of our great annual festival, but most of the merry-making is of necessity conducted on a far less elaborate scale than is possible in the old home town where there is no limit to the facilities and resources of recherche viands and wines.

Improved transportation methods, the advent of the aeroplane and the construction of new railways will serve in a few years to diminish the great distances and bring those who labor in these outposts of Empire in closer touch, but the effect of this will be an inevitable lessening in the picturesqueness of the situation which the present remoteness conjures up in the minds of the stay-at-homes.

To get a glimpse of what Christmas was like up north in the good old days, when the trip in and out took the best part of a year, it is necessary to examine some of the chronicles of the old fur traders. In the records of some of the Hudson's Bay Company factors are some interesting accounts of how the festivities were carried out. White man, Indian or half-breed all participated alike in the merriment. The dance and the dinner appear to have been, as no doubt they are

### How Christmas Trees Came Into General Use

IN regard to why Christmas trees came into use, the following explanation is given: It was the desire of the church to combat the heathen customs which prevailed at this season. Christmas carols and Christmas plays were introduced, and later "Christ trees," or Christmas trees, adorned with lights and gifts, the latter in commemoration of the gifts brought to the Christ Child by the "wise men." There is a diversity of opinion as to where the Christmas tree custom originated, it being credited to both Italy and Germany.

today, the principal events in the day's programme, aside, of course, from the nightly listening-in, which is the high light in the proceedings of every day.

Here, for instance, is what Christmas at Fort Edmonton was like in 1846 as described by Paul Kane: "Perhaps it might be interesting to some dyspeptic idler who painfully strolls through a city park to coax an appetite to a sufficient intensity to enable him to pick an ortolan if I were to describe to him the fare set before us to appease appetites nourished by constant outdoor exercise in an atmosphere ranging at 40 to 50 degrees below zero.

At the head of the table was a large dish of buffalo hump; at the foot smoked a boiled buffalo calf. Start not gentle reader, the calf is very small and is taken from the cow by Caesarian operation long before it attains its full growth. This, boiled whole, is one of the most esteemed dishes among the epicures of the interior. My pleasing duty was to help a dish of mouffle or dried moose nose; the gentleman on my left distributed,

with graceful impartiality, the white fish, delicately browned in buffalo marrow. The worthy priest helped the buffalo tongue while another genial member of the party cut up the beaver's tail. The centre of the table was graced with piles of potatoes, turnips and bread conveniently placed, so that each could help himself without interrupting the labors of his companions. Such was our jolly Christmas dinner at Edmonton; and long will it remain in our memory, although no pies or puddings or blanc-manges shed their fragrance over the scene.

The same writer gives this description of the dance that followed that auspicious meal: "In the evening the hall was prepared for the dance to which Mr. Harris had invited all the inmates of the fort, and was early filled by gaily-dressed guests. Indians, whose chief ornament consisted in the paint on their faces, voyageurs with bright sashes and neatly ornamented moccasins, half-breed, glittering, in every ornament they could lay their hands on; whether civilized or savage, all were laughing in as many different languages as there were styles of dress.

"English, however, was little used as none could speak it but those who sat at the dinner table. The dancing was most picturesque and almost all joined in it. Occasionally I, among the rest, led out a young Cree squaw who sported enough beads round her neck to have made a peddler's fortune, and having led her into the centre of the room I danced around her with all the agility I was capable of exhibiting to some highland reel tune which the fiddler played with great vigor, whilst my partner, with grave face, kept jumping up and down, both feet off the ground at once, as only an Indian can dance."

Probably since that time the half-described have moved farther north for anyone who looked for such in the thriving metropolis of Alberta today would meet disappointment. Civilization has moved into the northernmost hinterland and is stretching further towards the Arctic circle every year.

## Two Perils of Forgetfulness



Santa Claus arrives home late on Christmas Eve, and reflects that he hasn't reserved any presents for Mrs. Claus and the family. —Passing Show.

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Christmas the world over! Perhaps in some distant Yuletide the applied science of television will permit Canadian folk reveling in a sparkling, frosty merry-making the privilege of watching their New Zealand cousins celebrate. Poles will quiver as one glimpses the picnic ever a feature of Christmas Day in New Zealand, and the Yuletide camp where "little brown Maori" fairies with flowing black locks, clad in national costume, with mat and string of beads, come out of the woods and dance festive pol and haka to the delight of the little white folk. Then will come the thrilling hour of dusk, when camp fires gleam by the woodland streams to the delight of the Christmas campers.

A glance at Christmas celebration in India will also find camp fires lighted. The tender pea chick will replace the famous Canadian turkey at dinner. Gaily attired Indian natives will bring their gifts and their greetings to the British officers, and much feasting will feature the merrymaking in Bombay and Calcutta.

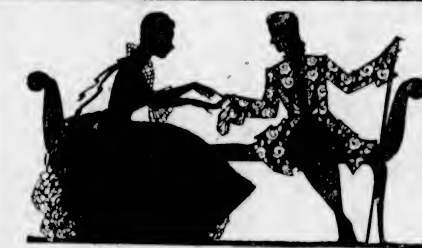
Sydney, New South Wales, will present the gayest of scenes, with thousands of country people thronging the streets of the city, the cafes, the theatres and the races. In Melbourne a carnival shopping scene will reward the television fan, with festivity in abundance in swimming and picnicking for in Australia Christmas Day falls in midsummer. "Looking-in" at Christmas in the Italian highlands will be rewarded with a charming picture, with the

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### Lustre Pitcher Has Quaint Inscription of Other Days

(By MARJORIE HOWE DIXON)

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THE habit of collecting begins early with stamps or melon rinds, or some other treasure. Melon rinds? Oh, yes; my sister collected them when she was small—in her pretty play box covered with cretonne. A peculiar odor attracted her mother's attention. Alas, this collection went the way of other collections—out! Pathetic, wasn't it?

The point is this, that we mortals never stop making collections. It grows on one. We collect more seriously, and more expensively as we go on. One individual goes in for Colonial antiques. Another for old Dutch slip ware. Another, but this is passing, they say, collects bottles.

If you can afford to add a lovely piece to your friend's collection of ladder-back chairs, or eighteenth-century Italian mirrors, that is wonderful. But suppose you want to do it but cannot afford it? Then your ingenuity must find a way. It is our private opinion that this, after all, is the most fun.

**COLONIAL ANTIQUE IDEAS**  
Suppose your friend is furnishing her home in Colonial antiques. She has the larger pieces she wants. There are so many good reproductions that you can surely find something to give. If you enjoy needlework, there are bits of embroidery that may be used in her home, bits you can make, that really would be most difficult to buy.

If you feel very ambitious you can make a lovely sampler in cross stitch and have it framed. Or you can apply your craftsmanship to a chair back and seat in the needle point that fits so well with Colonial pieces. Another large piece of work is a hooked rug.

A very beautiful rug was made by an enterprising young woman. She examined a fine old piece on sale in a store. Several times she went back to memorize the pattern. At home she cut her own design, a repeat, used burlap a yard wide on

her frame and hooked the strip with old wool from clothes and odds and ends around the house. She had to buy some material to finish the second strip. These, sewed together, formed a square about eight by eight feet. It was a most fascinating thing when completed.

**FOOTSTOOL COVERS**  
Among the smaller pieces that would not take so much time, or material, are the footstool covers in needle point or quilting. Cushion covers, in cross stitch, or with pierced tops quilted, would make lovely gifts. Small alouettes cross-stitched in black are very effective, and should be framed with narrow black borders.

There are many small things that fit in with the other pieces in a Colonial home. Dolphin candlesticks in bright blue or amber glass, handsome brass candlesticks, small bottles with cut glass corks, small clocks, old boxes and Colonial mirrors are suggested.

In an antique shop ever so many ideas will present themselves. There are shelves of old glass, pewter and lustre ware. If you were to find a lustre pitcher with this inscription: "Women make men love. Love makes them sad,



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### IDEAS IN ITALIAN MANNER

Let us suppose that instead of using Colonial things your friend is furnishing his home in the Italian manner. There are beautiful pieces among the larger things that he will enjoy receiving. Chests and tables, hand-mirrors and pieces of terra cotta, portrait heads of ladies, and standing figures of angels.

You are sure to find very lovely gifts for a home among the variety of pieces of Italian pottery. There are charming and quaint tea sets, there are fruit bowls of many kinds, and candlesticks and vases besides. A handsome fruit bowl was divided into three sections, each a shell shape. At the centre a winsome Cupid sat amongst light blossoms, all daintily executed.

Lamp bases made of bowls and pottery are very fine looking and full of color. The scratch ware—with the designs incised in the pottery, are sure to be appreciated. In fact, a lamp of this pottery with its shade painted to match has a happy faculty of fitting in almost anywhere.

### SOME CHINESE SUGGESTIONS

Quite possibly your friend has decided to have one room furnished in the Chinese manner. Here again you will find for him, or her, a very wide choice of gifts from lamps with lovely rose quartz or jade bases, to the least expensive little remembrances, of ash trays or incense burners.

When one mentions art ware from China, someone promptly

comes to mind. Also cinnamon, the marvelous red that the Chinese know how to produce. Then there are the beautiful bronzes—bowls, candlesticks, boxes and temple gongs. Chinese embroideries are exquisite. Small mats and table runners are ready for your selection. Prices vary. You can range from these up to the most beautiful shawls and Mandarin coats.

### FOREIGN POTTERY

Quite possibly you want to choose something for a friend who is deeply interested in contemporary or modern art. Pottery comes to us in the new manner from several nations. Germany is sending fine pieces of severe lines and curious grotesques. Sweden has sent us very handsome vases and bowls that are bold and dignified, while lighter and more graceful things are being executed in France.

In the wooden modern art gifts, the small tables and bookcases deserve special attention. The lines of these, while unusual and arresting, are of such simplicity that the beauty of the wood is doubly enhanced. Small dressing cases, too, are wrought along modern lines, usually with mirrors attached that are appealing in line.

Inlays of contrasting color are often a feature of these new pieces, showing the most careful and precise workmanship.

Perhaps a new clock in the modern manner would be a gift your friend would like. Some of these will fit in a man's office or library unusually well. Several of the fine clocks have square faces and one is oblong, set horizontally. Blue and black enamels are used, with silver or gilt numerals. A fine mantel clock has a semi-

circular face with blue figures in gilt. The frame is a modeled line of French gold bronze. Feet are of terra cotta may attract your attention. Tea sets in pottery and pewter, and also sterling silver, are modern in their lines, and most carefully executed.

Even the stamp collector is not forgotten, but may be remembered at Christmas with a parchment lamp shade, with a border of stamps for its decoration.

### A CLEVER TRICK

Take a piece of string about nine inches long, and give it to a friend, saying:

"Do you think I can take hold of this end without your seeing me?" Of course, your friend will be sure to answer "No!" So you just poke the string through the keyhole of a door, and run outside, shutting the door behind you. Of course, then you will be holding the other end of the string out of sight of your friend!

Two actors were perambulating along the Strand when one of them suddenly doffed his hat and bowed in stately fashion to an old gentleman who was passing. "I owe more to that man than I do to any man on earth explained the Thespian solemnly as he replaced his hat. "Ah," murmured his friend, seeing a romance, "I expect he gave you your first chance to life?" "Not exactly, laddie... he's my land-

### CHRISTMAS BRINGS HAPPY MEMORIES

Christmas is a time of joy for the old as well as for the young. If it is given only to youth to enjoy many of the pleasures that Christmas brings, age finds its compensation in the wealth of memories that the day awakes. At no other time does such hallowed and lovely remembrances of days that are past stir the heart. Again, we live in the land of childhood; we revel in its happy, carefree hours; we stand before candle-lit Christmas trees that thrilled us in the long ago. With swift steps we travel across the bridge of time and space and clasp hands with those of other years. Again we live happy hours of comradeship and understanding that were ours.

Through the year we may have forgotten how rich we were; we may have failed to recall the many lovely joys that have come through the years. But at Christmas it is different. Absent friends and joys, as well as those that are near, bring us joy and cheer. Even those who have passed into the land beyond seem to be with us today; the power of love and memory seems to have pierced the veil that hid them from our view. Dear and half-forgotten memories of hours we spent with them bring them very close.

Yes, Christmas holds much for the old. And its greatest gifts are for those who have laid up a treasure of lovely memories day by day. —Katherine Edelman.

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Day Reverence Has Been Restored to Pageants of  
Bethlehem Story

## Ancient Record Goes Back To Early Greek Drama

**I**N many churches in older lands at Christmas time Mystery or Nativity plays are given, acted by the members of the congregation. These plays are becoming year by year more general and popular. Sometimes they are acted in the church itself, sometimes in the parochial hall, sometimes even in the local theatre. They are very impressive and instructive and are a rival of the old mediaeval ecclesiastical and monastic dramas. One such play was acted in Dunstable in 1110 in "copes" by the scholars of Geoffrey, afterwards Abbot of St. Albans. It was called the play of St. Catharine, and does not seem to have been looked upon as much of a novelty, which goes to prove that those kinds of plays must have been acted at a much earlier date.

**COPIED THE GREEK**  
The first drama known to have been written on a Scripture subject was a Jewish play (fragments are still to be found in Greek lamp-ics taken from Exodus). The author was a Jew called Ezekiel, and it was supposed to have been written after the destruction of Jerusalem. The three most important characters were "Moses, Sappora and God from the burning bush," and it is said to have been written in imitation of the Greek drama of the second century. Corpus Christi processions first took place in 1264 and were confirmed in 1315, which led to a closer union of the drama with religious feasts. Then gradually the religious plays began to acquire a certain amount of lay and jocular representations suitable to the seasons. About the fifteenth century popular heroes were brought in and we find Robin Hood and the May Queen figuring in them as well as St. George and other saints. St. George was the most popular of the saints, being the patron of England and possessing a dragon.

**ACTED THE CREATION**  
In 1298 at Friburg in Italy the Passion was played, while the same year at Civita Vecchia at Whitsun the clergy performed the play of Christ, His Passion, Resurrection, Ascension and Judgment, with the mission of the Holy Ghost—a truly wonderful mixture. Six years later they acted the Creation, Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Birth of Christ and other sacred historical subjects. Gradually these Passion and

**TOOK THREE DAYS**  
In 1508 at Romas in Dauphin took place "The Mystery of the Three Days," a religious play that lasted three days, and thus in many parts of France and Germany these mystery plays became most popular and frequent. From them probably sprang the famous passion play at Oberammergau.

In England about the middle of the sixteenth century morality plays began to be mixed up with the mystery plays. "Moralities" were often "mystery" plays with a strong moral.

A sad blow to these plays was given in 1542 by a proclamation of Henry VIII, forbidding the acting of plays in the churches. However, as late as the reign of Charles I. the choristers of St. Paul's Cathedral and the Chapel Royal continued to act them on Sundays.

**TODAY'S REVIVAL**  
The present day mystery play is a revival of these old morality and passion plays and is very wonderful to see; it teaches much to both audience and players. In beautiful tableaux the Life of Christ is depicted, and each year sees a great improvement in the humblest of these plays. The chance of the parish church becomes a stage, and there reverently and picturesquely are portrayed scenes from the Life of Christ. The shepherds and the heads of the church, the mystic gifts, come to worship the Babe in the manger, and thus the scenes continue, some just hinted at, some in quite a lot of detail.

One such play was staged a year or two ago, played in a large hall. It merely showed the foot of the Cross in the Crucifixion scene, with two prostrate figures beside it. A suppressed sob went round the hall, and the whole remains impressed on one's memory.

**AN INSPIRATION**  
One of the most beautiful and instructive mystery plays is acted every year by the members of a well-known English church who give their services every year for a mystery play in aid of foreign missions and their own.

**FEEDING THE BIRDS: WITH A MORAL**  
He had, it is only fair to say, been in a fight. Quite a recent fight. He had lost some feathers, and bits of down still floated tremulously through the air. But he had come out victor. He had driven away seven other hungry sparrows, and thus had the crust of bread all to himself. He began pecking off luscious morsels.

"This is the first square meal I've had for a week," he chirped to himself. "Funny, how those big, stupid people think of no one but themselves. Haven't they got eyes in their heads? Or ears? We have to live as well as they. And we do it without help."

He took several mouthfuls. "I suppose they think they are as important as we are. I would, I would, nip off the bugs from the gardens if we all died of the cold?"

A child came out of the house. She had a wooden box in her hand, which she placed on a square post set up in the ground. "Come on, other little birds!" she called. "Here is something for you. He hasn't have all the food!" She shooed Rusty away, but she was laughing. "Here is enough for all of you," she said, and hid behind a bush.

Rusty set about eating as hard as he could. The seven other birds did likewise. "Maybe," thought Rusty, "there are a few people who realize they aren't as important as we are. It's about time!"

"Peck . . . chirp . . . flutter . . . flutter . . . peck!"—Martha Banning Thomas.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS**  
Christmas carols originated in the eleventh century, being sung between the scenes of the miracle and mystery plays of that period.

**BORN ON CHRISTMAS DAY**  
In Ireland it is believed that the baby boys born on Christmas day are thereby destined to become priests. Beyond that, those born on Christmas Day were believed to have the power of "healing" by the laying on of hands, and to be gifted with "second sight."

## Yule Tree Appears To Have Had Its Egyptian Peer

**T**HE Christmas tree, which has become an almost universal symbol, and is by most persons supposed to have originated in Germany, seems to have had something of a counterpart in Egypt at a period long before the Christian era. The palm tree is known to put forth a branch every month, and a spray of this tree, with twelve shoots on it, was used in Egypt at the time of the Winter solstice, as a symbol of the year completed.

## CHRISTMAS RENEWS YOUTH

We come nearer renewing our youth at Christmas than at any other time of the year. Alas for us, if we miss its chance for this!

## People Who Belong To Christmas Season

There are some people who seem to belong to the Christmas season by nature. They are: People whose eyes still twinkle and laugh when they talk to their children.

Fathers who like to surprise mothers with presents they really want. Brothers who appreciate sisters. Sisters who don't try to economize on brothers' ties.

Children who want to leave sugar for Santa's reindeer. Housewives who do not forget that the mailman is entitled to more than the bag of peanuts he carries for others.

People who never think decorating is any trouble. People who just love the smell of Christmas greens. People who think there is nothing lovelier than holly.

People who think there is nothing more glowing than a fireplace. People who love candle light. People who are coy near mistletoe. People who like Christmas cards. People who like calendars. People who like nuts and raisins. People who like turkey all the week.

People who like plum pudding all the week. These people seem to belong to the Christmas season by nature.—By Mary Graham Bonner.

## A FINE CHRISTMAS PLANT

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# Jewelry Stores Have Many Offerings

## ROMANCE OF GEMS STIRS IMAGINATION

Latest Suggestions for Jewelry Embody Use of Craftsman's Knowledge to Develop Taste of Wearer—Special Thought Has Been Given to Bracelets and Wrist Watches

### Oblong Shapes in Wrist Watches Favored for Men

THERE is romance and glamour in the very name of precious stones. Names there are that make us think of far off Samarkand, of treasure chests and pirates bold, of lovely court ladies in silk and satin, of India, and the Malay Isles, not to mention thoughts of bright color, glowing, changing and sparkling in crystalline depths.

Surely some picture, or fragrance, or memory is stirred with these names: corallian, amethyst, sapphire, calcadone, chrysoprase, lapis lazuli, topaz, jade and turquoise. Even a man must respond to the ancient and age-old pleasure of jewels. The study of them is an education. One firm was so and variety. There are beautiful things made in leather, picture frames and portfolios and adorable night bags with fittings mounted in silver or gold.

When it comes to the place where things for milady's dresser are sold—who can pass by? There are silver-backed brushes and combs and mirrors. There are collections of scent bottles and powder dishes, mounted in gold bronze. Mirror backs are sometimes set with jewels. Then again they are treated somehow so that a quaint print in a dull rose red appears on the ivory surface.

#### SUGGESTIONS IN DIAMONDS

If it is your privilege to give diamonds, you will be interested in some of the pieces that are ready for your selection on the velvet and satin of the jeweler's trays. There are diamond bracelets, and watches and rings, of course. A watch brooch is a stunning present. By pressing forward the top of the brooch the watch is revealed. One square cut and several baguette diamonds are used in the design. A very dainty butterfly features sapphires, baguette diamonds and emeralds. The watch is set with diamonds and is clasped with tiny black cords about the wrist of milady. Another is very narrow—the watch itself but one-half inch wide. It, too, has a double cord for the bracelet.

Novelty jewelry and costume jewelry continues on its brilliant way. Wooden beads are very smart and are worn with lighter costumes. Tortoiseshell and wood are combined for a handsome bracelet, necklace, ring and earring set. Beautiful jade necklaces and rings come to us from the Orient, and weird snake-like gold link chains to fit in a very plastic way about an ivory throat. Speaking of ivory, carved ivory is ever with us. Its soft sheen weaving its usual attraction.

A pretty novelty set features a bracelet, necklace and earrings. The pendant of the necklace is surrounded by a filigree mounting, with medallions either side. A similar pendant makes an earring. The bracelet follows with alternated ovals set with stones and filigree ovals. Silver filigree chokers are numerous as the sands of the sea. Triangles, squares, circles, set with jewels, and unset, are made into the short necklaces that fit at the base of the neck.

Crystals strung on elastic make a very lovely wide bracelet. With this a stunning sapphire ring is worn.

If you were offered your choice of the following, just which one would you accept? A brooch of old Roman mosaic in a dainty flower set in a black oval, a necklace of Egyptian scarabs, each beetle a semi-precious stone mounted in silver and all different, a Chinese jade ring, or a maracoste brooch?

Perhaps not one of these appeals to you. You may have caught sight of a bracelet and choker from Paris that you would rather have. Amethyst quartz is used for the stones, across the centre of each is a band of silver. Three stones are in the necklace and three in the bracelet. Between the stones are short links of chased silver.

Sterling silver sets, including choker, brooch and ring are offered to you. Silver leaves form the necklace of one of these, with jade for the stone. The other silver set has a pendant set with corallian with tabs at the side that make you think of a scarab.

#### ART PINS FOR HATS

Among other odds and ends that will make very acceptable gifts to herself are smart little modern art pins for the chapeau. Each has a firm fastening like a brooch.

Did you ever hear of Casonova coral or of sun tan bronze? Neither did we till we saw a fascinating choker combining these two. Here in another necklace some baguettes again in sapphires. They are graduated in size, and next door is a square cut crystal. These follow each other around until they meet again in a clasp at the back.

#### MEN'S WATCHES ATTRACT

Men's watches are exquisite pieces of mechanism. There are pocket watches impossibly thin, with a light effect achieved by intricate chasing. There are plain, sturdy wrist watches, oblong in shape, with leather bracelets. Smaller ones are shown with enamel used for accent about the face. Of course, the appearance is something, but the interior of the watch—there lies your accuracy, precision and all the craftsmanship of the ages folded away in a tiny package. Jewelry stores have a number of other things to sell besides jewels. There are the counters and counters of silver—flatware, tea services and all sorts of decorative objects. Then there are usually handbags and beaded bags of great charm



BRINGING IN THE BOAR'S HEAD OF YULETIDE

THE Yuletide Festival inaugurated last year at Victoria, will be repeated on a still more brilliant scale this coming Christmas, according to information from Canadian Pacific headquarters. Those who were at the Empress Hotel last Christmas still remember the thrill that swept through the great hall when the boar's head was brought in, borne aloft on a platter by a chef in Elizabethan costume, preceded by a fester in cap and bells and followed with medieval pomp by stewards and minstrels. They still

#### MUSICAL CHAIRS A LA MODE

Here is a good variation of musical chairs. Arrange the chairs as for that game, or in two rows, back to back, so that there is a seat for all but one player, who is called the Horseman.

When everyone is seated, the Horseman paces along and gives each player a name which has something to do with horsemanship (if preferred, players can make their own choice). For example, one player might be the bride, another the stirrup, another the saddle, and

others the whip, reins, bit, and so on. When all are named, the Horseman continues his walk and calls out the name of one of the sitters. Say, "Whip." That player rises at once, takes hold of the Horseman's coat-tails, and both march on around the chairs.

As each player is called, he hangs on to the coat-tails of the player in front of him.

When all have been summoned, the Horseman starts running round the empty chairs, everyone hanging on behind and running after him. After circling the chairs a time or two the Horseman says: "Crack!"

and sits down on one of the chairs; whereupon his followers scramble for the other seats, whose positions must not be changed. One player, of course, is left standing, which means that he is out of the game. A chair is then removed, and the game continues as before, until only the Horseman and one player remain.

Motorist—What time is it?  
Farmer—Twelve o'clock.  
Motorist—Is that all?  
Farmer—Never gets any more hereabouts. After that we begin with one again.

## Christmas Memories For Others

By Florence Harry Wells

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing, 'Glory to the New-Born King!'" The Christmas chimes were pealing overhead as Mrs. Peggy Watton hurried past the great department store.

A lump rose in Peggy's throat. Her eyes grew misty. She wondered all these hurrying Christmas shoppers heard those chimes and felt as she did. Their faces gave no evidence of emotion; but neither did hers, Peggy assured herself.

Communing with herself Peggy thought of other Christmas shopping expeditions when all was joy and anticipation. But that was when Bob was little and the four grandparents and two aunts were all coming for the holiday festivities to the big brick house in the little town. Now Bob was twenty-one, the grandparents had passed away—Grandmother Wallon and Grandmother Prentiss had gone just a short time apart the past summer. The two aunts felt as Peggy did, that Christmas memories would be less poignant if they didn't try to have the customary reunion. And instead of the big brick house with its cheery fireplaces, in the friendly little town, they lived in an apartment in the city. Not much Christmas atmosphere about an apartment, Peggy reflected.

But something must be done about Christmas for Bob's sake. If for no other reason. It wouldn't seem much like Christmas for Bob to come home from college to just her and dad.

Peggy had passed beyond the sound of the chimes, but between shopping ventures her mind dwelt constantly on this Christmas problem and what she could do. All their friends had their own families at Christmas, just as they had theirs until this year.

That brought her back again to the little town and the many changes that had taken place even in the short time they had been gone. Other homes besides theirs would miss the older generation

this Christmas. Peggy began enumerating them in her mind.

There was Judge Hatford who had done so much for them when the first break had come and her own father had passed away, and even last summer when her mother, too, had gone. It was Judge Hatford who had taken the sting from the legal aspects. Yet, it was but a few weeks later when he also had been laid to rest in the little cemetery on the hill; then there was genial, courtly Mr. Morrow, and Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, separated from each other but a brief month, and Mr. and Mrs. Dawson. Peggy stopped in her summary. Why hadn't she thought of the Dawsons before? There was Fred Dawson, and Katharine, and their little boy Dick, and Katharine's younger sister, Mary; they, too, must be looking forward to Christmas with sorrowful memories, for always they had come from the far-off city to the home in the little town for the holidays, and now there was no home to which to come.



Peggy Had Passed Beyond the Sound of the Chimes

"It's worse for them than for us. I'll write them at once," Peggy decided. "They're just what we need. Mary and Bob will have a good time. We always enjoy Fred and Katharine. And there's little Dick, bless his heart; a child is what we want to revive the Christmas spirit."

Again Peggy found herself within hearing of the Christmas chimes: "Joy to the world" was ringing forth as she approached the department store on her homeward way. But there was no lump in her throat this time and her eyes were clear and starry as she gaily hastened along, planning for others and winning for herself a Merry Christmas.

## 'YULEGIRTH' WAS SOUNDED AT YORK

Quaint Custom Associated With Old English City in Medieval Days

An interesting picture of ancient Yuletide festivity is presented in "The Story of the Carol," written by Edmonstone Duncan. "York Cathedral on Christmas Eve was won't to be decorated with mistletoe. Stuckey sees in this surviving rite of ancient Druidism, when the mistletoe, or sacred 'all heel,' was laid on the hearth (one Elizabethan house paid taxes on fifty-four hearth fires), Christmas morning dawned brightly on the good souls preparing for the wants of multitudes of kinsmen, guests and stray folk of every description. None were suffered to go away empty. The halls were full to overflowing with goodly companies of gentlefolk, yet still room was found for minstrels and peasants, who, on this day, dined with the lord of the manor.

Rustic sports whiled away the tedious hours before the great feast. Hunting owls and squirrels was popular with the rustics. But in ancient times even the clergy came booted and spurred to Mass with a hawk at each wrist, ready for falconry and hunting the moment Mass was said and breakfast over. At the feast which followed the burning of the Yule-log, Yule cakes were introduced, handed round, impressed with a figure of the Child-Saviour. A favorite dish was the frumenty (or fumety), made of creed wheat boiled in milk with sugar and nutmeg."

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## Yuletide Season Will Bring Floral Features to Front

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### Commercial Phase Has Made Steady Development

WITH the coming of the Christmas season and its pleasant custom of remembering relations, friends and old acquaintances in near and far places, there are no more appropriate tokens of remembrance than a box of cut blooms fresh from the bed or a beautiful potted plant at its best. Noted as a city where flower culture has attained a high standard through amateur and professional effort, Victoria can furnish the most fastidious lover of flowers at this season of the year with as wide a variety of blooms as he or she could possibly desire.

In a comparatively few days now the florist shops will take on a glory all their own and be gorgeous with masses of bloom. Roses, chrysanthemums and carnations will predominate in the displays. Other varieties, too, will be represented, but not in such great quantities, while striking potted plants will be seen in the poinsettia, cyclamen and cinerarias. Then there will be the various kinds of potted ferns and shrubs, which always make acceptable gifts. A novelty, always appealing, because always retaining its appearance, although not an aristocratic relation to the cut blooms mentioned, is the static, which lasts a long time and makes an attractive decoration in any dwelling.

#### HOLLY SHIPMENTS

Ever associated with the celebration of the Yuletide season, holly is undoubtedly the most welcome reminder of the season one can send away, particularly to sections of the country where the berries do not respond kindly to climatic conditions. Without a sprig of holly the Christmas table loses considerable of its appearance and charm. Large shipments of this favorite Christmas plant are made to all points of the country by local dealers and growers, the larger packages going to dealers all over the United States and Canada, while they sell it in small lots to local buyers, packed in parcels that will insure its receipt in good condition by the person to whom it is addressed.

#### BIRTH OF FLAMING STAR LEGEND

The name "Poinsettia" comes from Doctor Poinsett, of Charleston, S. C., who introduced it into cultivation. The story of its birth as a Christmas flower is not so well known. It is the story of a girl, orphaned and alone, coming to the great cathedral on Christmas eve with her meager offering of tall weed stalks, heavy with large yellow seeds, clasped tightly in her poor little half frozen hands.

There were other offerings of great beauty and price laid upon the altar, and the poor little child, alone in a shadowy corner of the great church, prayed that she might be taken to join her mother, father and baby brother who but a short time before had passed on to the other world. She thought if she had only one blossom to offer instead of the weeds her prayer might be answered.

Yet even as she prayed a radiance shone about her and a presence came beckoning her to follow. Raising she followed the presence, even to the altar and placed upon it her offering of weed stalks. The presence looked down upon her and smiled and the child raised her face to his and on her wan little countenance was reflected the same wondrous smile; and as she smiled, about the yellow seeds burst forth leaves of glorious crimson, forming a flaming star of wondrous beauty, seemingly imbued with the spirit of fire.

It was thus the Flaming Star, our Christmas poinsettia, was born—Florence Harris Wells.

Though Christmas does come in the calendar but once a year, the gift made at this time exceeds its substantial cheer till Christmas comes again.

## BEAUTIFYING OF GARDENS IS STUDIED

Outdoor Lovers Have Been Considered in Providing Comforts for Terrace and Flower Stands

### SUN-ROOM OUGHT TO HAVE THOUGHT

Use of Life-Sized Animals Has Been Developed as Attraction for Modern Gardens

IT has been prophesied that living will change the next ten years, and spread out more and more. As the congestion of the city troubles folk they move to the suburbs and those who can are turning Summer homes on estates into year-round dwellings. There are gardens and garden lovers in cities, to be sure, but there are still more of them in the suburban and rural communities.

At Christmas there is a fine opportunity to give to the garden lover. He hasn't forgotten his garden, for all it may be covered with snow. This eternal puzzling question of what to give a friend is on its way to solution when you know the friend is a confirmed gardener.

#### FASCINATING GARDEN THINGS

If your friend has a terrace which may be used as a dining place you have there a fine start for gift ideas. Perhaps he has not yet bought a set of chairs and a table. Garden things are so fascinating. There are Colonial ladder-back sets with rush seats and drop-leaf tables to match. There are many varieties of iron chairs, some of simple lines, others with intricate cast iron patterns and others with lacquered seats. And then there are, wicker and reed pieces.

If your friend has his dining set for the terrace you still have your opportunity to give for the terrace. There are pretty cloths for the table, pottery to set it and all the extras, the tea stands, coffee tables, urns and pots and pieces of wrought iron to add to his pleasure in the outdoors.

#### SUGGEST BRIGHT CLOTHS

Bright tablecloths are recommended for the garden or terrace and for the dining room. The woman who enjoys making gifts may wish to do the cloth and napkins herself. Modernistic patterns of printed cotton are bound with color in the design. A cloth and neatly bound napkins to match would surely be appreciated as a Christmas gift. Colored Spanish linen, colored linens, and strips of hand-woven peasant materials are used, too.

Pottery of bright colors seems so absolutely fitting for garden meals that your friend is sure to be pleased with such a gift. There are French peasant pieces, with little figures on them; there are modernistic German sets, and beautifully decorated Italian pottery tea sets. More than one set adds to the festivity of garden entertaining.

#### TILE TOP TABLES FAVORED

Among the little extra things for tea on the terrace are small tables. One has an oval tray for a top and a pedestal stand. Another of iron has a removable tray and four legs. A wrought iron stand has pottery plates for tea or three shelves. Small wood tables come in many sizes and designs. Tile top tables with wrought iron are very lovely for the garden meal.

There are other "extra" things the garden lover will appreciate. Perhaps he has a niche in the brick wall. A terra cotta cupid in a green bronze finish will fit there. A handsome urn or pot with a standing ivy perhaps will be better. Then there are pottery fruits to fit in bowls.

and formal flower arrangements in pottery, set in baskets of classic design.

Among the wrought iron things that have been developed for the garden lover are pieces useful and decorative that have revived old crafts and developed new ideas. Some of these may be used in the sunroom, or breakfast nook in the winter months, too.

One of these is a tile plaque of six panels that together form a design. The group of panels is surrounded by a graceful wrought iron frame that holds three flower pots. Another design holds a single pot with a wrought iron panel for holding it on the wall. Screens of many kinds are developed in wrought iron. Screens and doors in intricate design, showing landscapes or ships are wrought in delicate tracery. There are most effective silhouetted against the light.

#### FLOWER STANDS

Flower stands with three, five and six pots are appropriate gifts for the garden lover. Besides these there are the many varieties of stands for aquaria. There are formal decorative designs holding square dishes and lovely handblown Venetian glass bowls. Then there are amusing elephants and pelicans who support small fish bowls. Ferneries, too, may be found among the wrought iron pieces.

If one wished to make a gift of a sun dial to a garden lover, he would find it a most interesting study. There are so many kinds of them, simple ones for the tops of pedestals, others designed to hang on the wall or chimney breast, and still others with bronze cupids to add joy to the fine art of sun-time telling.

Wrought iron foot scrapers make acceptable gifts for the garden home. There are the simple designs with curled ends and also the amusing ones. A proud goose has a flat spot on his back to remove mud, a friendly Alreale performs the same service, while an elephant carries a bar on his back for the same purpose.

#### USE OF LIFE-SIZE ANIMALS

Speaking of animals there are life-size creatures from Norway that are the simple designs with curled ends and also the amusing ones. A proud goose has a flat spot on his back to remove mud, a friendly Alreale performs the same service, while an elephant carries a bar on his back for the same purpose. In the very act of flinging his melody to the skies? There is a white cat that will promenade the back fence in a most convincing manner, while a black cat may climb a tree with a wire-haired terrier to stand at the foot to see that she keeps on going up.

One cannot garden long without learning a broad toleration and sympathy. Flowers and trees, plants and shrubs have such strong personalities. They must be treated as people, with many allowances for their peculiarities. There is only one way to enjoy them and that is to chuckle over them and let them grow their own way. The Christmas gift may renew the chuckle as it reminds the recipient of the good laugh he had in the garden last Summer.

#### POEM SUGGESTS GIFT

Another gift may remind one of the breathless loveliness of a dewy morn, or the quiet miracle of an opening bud. The following poem by Margaret Deland suggests this:

Where the primrose stands, that as the night Begins to gather, and the dew to fall,  
Flings wide to circling moths her twisted buds,  
That shine like yellow moons with pale, cold glow,  
And all the air her heavy fragrance floods,  
And gives largess to any winds that blow,  
Here in warm darkness of a night in June,  
In children's game,  
To watch the primrose blow. Silently they stood,  
Hand clasped in hand, in breathless hush around,  
And saw her slyly doff her soft green hood  
And blossom with a silken burst of sound.

A silken strand reminds us of still other gifts for the garden lover. She will need so many cushions for the Summer and its days of languid ease. Cushions of the genus pillow grow more numerous every year. Some of these are "sporta," some are propagated from slips (of silk) and still others are grown from the seeds of industry. The bed (couch) for these perennials should be prepared in the usual manner (how is that for begging the question?).

Sunproof and waterproof materials will assure greater brilliance of color throughout the Summer. Cushions are perennial in many senses, are they not? Perhaps this accounts for the prevailing taste in brightly patterned glazed chintzes. Oval panels of gorgeous flowers are applied on the tops, with neat bindings of color. Small ones are made of tiny flowers designed with ruffled or pleated edges. Painted designs on pebbled black oilcloth are very fine for cushions for outdoor use.

For a sunroom many cushions are necessary. The needlework lady will love the new embroideries and quilting that pillows may wear. Bits of old quilting are used for inserts. On changeable silk taffeta padded quilting, that the Italians call "trapunto," is very effective. Brocades and tapestries, too, make a colorful cushion for indoor use. The recipient is always glad for another pillow to add to her collection.

#### GIFT IDEAS FOR GARDENER

Once one starts planning gifts to a gardener, there is really no limit. There are such fine garden baskets with a full equipment of tools. And a kneeling pad. Then there are the lovely botanical prints that are so sweetly and quaintly framed.

The home gardener can always give seeds from her own collection to another. These can be attractively arranged in envelopes, with flowers from a catalogue to add conviction. Pray, then, that your friends all join garden clubs, because your Christmas gift question will be solved.



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## Demonstration Homes Help Use of Equipment

A MODERN day with modern ideas and methods has made its influence seen and felt in a number of unexpected places and ways. Probably one of the most unlooked for and yet one of the most pronounced changes in this respect is the modern conception of what constitutes a suitable Christmas gift. The novelty, designed wholly to attract and please by its glittering appearance, has given place almost entirely to something that combines a pleasing exterior appearance with an intensely practical usefulness.

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interesting, practical answers.

When you have gifts to present, why not make a study of the household to which the gift is to be sent? It would only take a short visit to enable you to size up what electrical appliances could be used to the greatest advantage.

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If these suggestions still leave you perplexed over the "What to Give" problem, you might drop round to some of the electrical stores and see for yourself how many excellent answers to your problem have been provided at a price range within the reach of everybody.

The giving of gifts should be carried out in a thoughtful manner; it should be approached with care and study, and the person who does that is the person who will be remembered not only on Christmas Day, but on every day throughout the year.

### STRICT FATHER

Young Harold was late for Sunday school and the minister inquired the cause.

"I was going fishing, but father wouldn't let me," announced the lad.

"That's the right kind of a father to have," replied the reverend gentleman. "Did he explain the reason why he did not let you go?"

"Yes, sir. He said there wasn't bait enough for two."

### THE ELUSIVE APPLE

An apple is suspended from the ceiling by a piece of string, and three or four chairs are arranged, backs uppermost, in a circle round the fruit.

Each player now kneels on the back of a chair and the apple is set in motion.

The players have to try to bite the apple. If anyone does so without overbalancing his chair he's a marvel, and thoroughly deserves to be allowed to eat it.

## HERITAGE OF LONG AGO IS OBSERVED

Festival of Christmastide Has Won Many Accretions During Past Ages From Many Lands

### DECORATIONS HAVE SYMBOLIC MEANING

Even as the story of the Christ-Child grew old, the joyousness of celebrating the Yuletide retained its interest and joy each succeeding December. St. Nicholas retains his popularity, and he is prophesied as descending upon the chimney (and just fancy the catastrophe that might befall the world if it became the fashion to build houses with-out chimneys) in a sleigh drawn by reindeer, or in an aeroplane. Tissue papers may drift the floor in red and green, and green mounds and ribbons of scarlet and silver tangle the feet most hopelessly, but Mother smiles happily in the midst of chaos, Christmas Eve may mean nerve-throbbing, aching bodies and fagged minds, worn out with strenuous preparation, but Christmas finds the family indulging in bigger plans for next year.

Decorating the church with evergreen on Christmas Eve is as old as the hills. Polydore Vergil says that "Trimming of the Temples with banyans, flowers, boughs and garlands was taken of the heathen people, which decked their idols and houses with such array." In old church calendars Christmas Eve is marked "Templa exornatur." However this may be, the greatest charm of Christmas is the decorated church, the power which makes man see beyond the bare walls of the church and which carries him back through the ages to worship with the shepherds at the manger cot in Bethlehem. Christmas without its religious observances, for all the feasting, gaiety and rejoicing would long ago have passed away.

Christmas carols as they are known today are a literary inheritance handed down from an age when there existed neither popular songs nor drama. At fixed seasons of the year the British people used to congregate to sing simple ballads in which each of the themes of popular poetry nothing now survives in actual use except the Christmas carols.

But in those old days the Christmas carols were only a portion of a larger collection of semi-religious songs, of which kind is his special association with the ecclesiastical year. Easter had its carols, so had Whitsun and Mayday, and many other religious holy days. These were most part of the church service as they are today. They were mostly associated with those early dramatic representations—mystery plays.

The festival of the Christmastide is a heritage of the long ago, and the date of its origin is unknown. Traditions tell of celebrating in mid-Winter with feasting and merriment in the days of antiquity. Perhaps the most widespread of all festive institutions is the Christmas tree. The present form of the tree decked in candles and hung with colored balls and images does not seem to date back prior to the seventeenth century. In England there is a legend of Joseph of Arimathea which tells us that when the Saint settled at Glastonbury he planted his staff in the ground. It put forth leaves and blossomed every Christmas. The tree very likely is a survival of the older laurel decorations which were tied to the doorposts of houses.

### How Mistletoe Kissing Was Regulated

Christmas is the time for kisses, under the mistletoe, of course. Every one imagines that by virtue of immemorial custom any man can kiss any lady—from baby to grandmother—who is caught beneath it, consciously or otherwise. This is wrong. It is a custom that has only obtained recognition in comparatively recent years.

In olden times there was a fixed rule as to the number of people who could be kissed under one sprig of mistletoe, and this was controlled by the number of berries it bore. Doubtless it was meant to prevent a harmless merry joke from degenerating into a nuisance.

The old rule insisted that every man who claimed and secured a kiss under the mistletoe must remove a berry at once. Then when all the white berries had gone the sprig became a mere element of decoration and no more kisses could be extorted or enjoyed.

In some houses, especially abroad, it was considered essential that the youngest member of the family should place the mistletoe in position and that he or she should receive the first kiss, accompanied by a seasonal present. This as a rule led to father holding up the baby of the family, bestowing the paternal kiss and also the paternal present. After that it was a case of catch-as-catch-can until all the berries were gone.

In some places the mistletoe was placed before the front door and the kiss was merely the usual one of greeting and welcome to an arriving guest.

Whatever the origin of the custom the result is that girls learn a lot about kissing at Christmas time. There is the kiss of the elderly family friend, who feels it a duty to kiss all the lady members of the family who happen to stray under the mistletoe. But he most enjoys it when the young girls stand there.

The Wife—A clever man would never think of being rude to his wife. The Husband—Clever men have not got wives.

## Christmas Card Dates Back to Sir Henry Cole, Eighty- Three Years Ago

By TOM PETTEY

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The identity of the fellow who invented Christmas cards finally has been established, but there is nothing that can be done about it. It is too late. For the peace of mind of the millions who have writer's cramp from addressing envelopes, let it be said early that he is dead.

Over on Fifth Avenue in the public library morgue, deep down in the "C's," rests all that the printers deemed immortal of Sir Henry Cole, inventor of the Christmas card, and social and educational reformer. It was in 1843, just eighty-three years ago, that Sir Henry started broadcasting his good wishes. Now the postman's back is bowed and mail sacks bulge as the entire world swaps greetings.

In the United States alone the Christmas pasteboard shower has doubled and trebled each year until it has grown into a \$50,000,000 racket—a modest estimate—for the cards are numbered in the billions and anybody past the writing age can tell you they are getting dearer every year.

### SOURCE OF IDEA HAZY

Sir Henry's historians are a bit hazy about the source of his inspiration to send out cards to his friends, but none of them has traced it back to an English schoolboy custom of writing Yuletide letters on paper decorated with fancy penmanship. Regardless of where he got the idea, there was nothing cheap about his cards.

The records show that he did the right thing by the neighbors, for he went to J. C. Horsley, a member of the Royal Academy, in London, for the design, and had them hand-colored and published in Old Bond Street.

The original Christmas card was six by four inches in size and its design was symbolic. The scenes, according to one writer, divided the card into three panels. The smaller panels showed two acts of charity—clothing the needy and feeding the hungry. In the centre panel was depicted a family party gathered around the festive bowl.

### HOLIDAY SLOGAN COINED

Sir Henry also is responsible for two other sins. He sent a thousand cards and they bore the inscription: "A merry Christmas and a happy New Year."

Times have changed and considerable water and other liquids have passed under and over the bridges, but Christmas cards still are being sent in the same wholesale quantities and they bear the same legend.

Like the gypsy moth, Sir Henry started something and died. But the business of making Christmas cards was born, and it grew and grew until eventually it spread across the Atlantic and hit Boston. But it did not flourish in America until 1873. Along about this time the "best people" began to take the idea up and an exhibit of Christmas cards was one of the attractions at the centennial exposition in Philadelphia. Prizes were offered for the "best" designs and prominent artists of the day entered the competition.

One of the art events of 1880 was a Christmas card exhibition at the American Art Galleries in New York and collections were exhibited in the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and at the Art Institute of Chicago. The work of such men as E. H. Blashfield, an American mural painter, and J. Alden Weir, was shown and prominent art patrons acted as judges. Noted poets of the day supplied the verse to adorn the cards and scrapbooks of the '90s and '00s are filled with poems that never have seen publication in any other manner.

The craze for individuality started the decline of the Christmas card and now the personal motif overshadows all else. The religious theme has been forced into the background and the Christmas card business has become a novelty racket—and a good one.

### A CHRISTMAS ENIGMA

My first is an ace, but not in spades, My second is in hills but not in glades,

My third is in hour, but not in time, My fourth is in riddle but not in rhyme.

My fifth is in wheels, but not in rite, My sixth is in heat, but not in fire.

My seventh is in remember, but not in forget, My eighth is in wavering, but not in regret.

My ninth is in smile, but not in tear, My whole is the happiest time of the year—Christmas.

### Facts and Fancies

A fall of snow on Christmas Day is regarded as the sign of a lucky New Year.

Turkey first became the Christmas dish in the reign of James I, who could not eat the boar's head usually provided.

The first Christmas card was published eighty years ago.

Christmas carols originated in the eleventh century, being sung between the scenes of the miracle and mystery plays of the period.

Christmas trees originated in Germany and crackers in France.

"Nelly," said mother, "I put two cakes in the dining-room last night. There's one left now. How is that?"

"I couldn't see the second one in the dark!"

### Hints for Christmas

If you spill salt, throw a pinch over your left shoulder, and ill-luck will pass you by.

Always try to have a bit of mistletoe in the house, for it is a luck-bringer.

For every kiss you take under the mistletoe a berry must be picked and when all are plucked the privilege ceases.

If you find a bit of red ribbon or red wool amongst your presents, especially wool, you will have them in love. Be sure to wear the trifle while you make your wish.

If you want a "Happy Christmas" put more into it than you take out. —Montreal Herald.

It's easy enough to try out new steps at a dance; the difficulty usually is to find a flight of dark ones.



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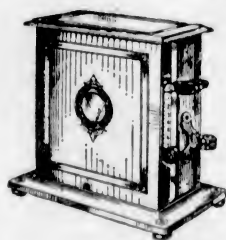
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# Radio and Music Assist Festivity

## China Preparing To Broadcast on Extensive Scale

Dr. Tsen Cha Tsao, Radio Adviser of the National Council of Reconstruction, Is Making a Survey for Government—Two Short-Wave Stations Are Already Planned

## About One Dozen Stations Already on the Air in China

PLANS for Chinese entry into radio broadcasting on an extensive scale in the near future are under development by the Nationalist Government, according to Dr. Tsen Cha Tsao, a member of the radio division of the National Council of Reconstruction in China. Dr. Tsao is in the United States to make a survey of the broadcast situation and to purchase equipment, for two new short wave stations to be erected on the southern coast of China.

When China is ready to seriously enter the broadcast field an attempt will in all probability be made to follow the system in vogue in North America, which Chinese experts now believe to be the best in the world. Dr. Tsao intimated during an inspection of the facilities of the National Broadcasting Company.

There are already about a dozen radio stations in China, all owned by the Nationalist Government, or the various State Governments, the visitor said. These are utilized large-

### Radio Helps the Christmas Spirit

By REV. S. P. CADMAN, D.D.

It has been urged that the Christmas season may leave us worse physically, mentally, intellectually, morally and spiritually than it found us. If its celebration is nothing better than a ceaseless round of eating, drinking, jazzing and drowsiness, what time or energy can be reserved for appreciating the significance of the festival? Yet after this wise admonition has been hospitably received, there is much to be said for "the Dickens' Christmas."

The Christian World, of London, rightfully observes that our earthly festivities have something of a spiritual impulse behind them, to those who might add that their peril lies in excess rather than in themselves. After all, if the day of

days means anything, it means universal fellowship, peace and good will. It palpates with glad surprise, with the joy of giving and receiving, with domestic happiness and social concord.

This is why it appeals to diverse multitudes in an immense variety of ways, and its very catholicity requires that it should do so. Radio's marvelous ministries have done much to enlarge the scope and consequence of that appeal. It reminds us that the modern world has gained infinitely in self-knowledge and has vast intellectual and artistic possessions compared with the poverty of the Middle Ages.

DEBT TO THE AGES Yet it also reminds us that medievalism's effective faith in God and its splendid control over the spiritual riches of religion are not ours, as they should be. It mourns with those who mourn and rejoices with those who rejoice. In Winter it bids us remember that Summer is not dead. She only sleeps, and still

### Is Popular With Audiences



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keeps her beauty fresh and pure till young Spring comes to awake her to her new delights with his fairy kiss.

Radio's best messages teach us that he who lives sacrificially this Christmas of 1929 may have great troubles, but they shall appear small to him, while he who lives selfishly may have small troubles.

We have further learned from this unsurpassed servant of the public welfare that the truly Christmas temper is not too critical about the forms in which we manifest it so long as we make faith, hope and charity the essentials of our creed. Nor is it too much to claim that the radio establishes desirable personal relations.

### Bull Frogs Clash With KGO Music

Some of the KGO listeners have asked KGO to drown the frog chorus from the General Electric station that seeks to outshine some of the favorite performers at KGO. There is a big frog pond in back of the KGO studios in East Oakland, the bull frogs frequently starting their singing at the most inopportune time. Sensitive microphones pick-up their croaking and send it out with the programmes being broadcast in the studios.

The first open-air organ to be built in Europe is that which is to be built at Kufstein, Austria.

## DRAMATIC PLAY BILLED MONDAY

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In the story a special delivery letter reunites two lovers who reside in Seattle and New York, respectively. Time and distance have most broken this romance when a fortunate meeting and the subsequent mailing of the all-important letter brings happiness to both.

Bob MacGimsey, the harmony whistler, and Andy Sanella's orchestra have important parts in this programme, and the adaptation of mail train noises to radio broadcasting will provide an unusual feature.

This programme will be broadcast from 7:30 to 8 o'clock, Pacific Coast time, over the following stations: KFI, Los Angeles; KDKA, Pittsburgh; KGO, Portland; KSL, Salt Lake City; KGO, San Francisco, and KOMO, Seattle.

### Hears of Brother's Death Over Radio

Several weeks ago Floyd Gibbons, the Headline Hunter, described through an N.B.C. network the death of the noted aviator, Captain A. E. Woodbridge, who pioneered the England-to-India air route. Gibbons recently received a letter from Mrs. Daisy Woodbridge Dow, of Chicago, telling him that her first news of the death of her brother, Captain Woodbridge, had come to her through Gibbons' broadcast.

LONESOME BANJOIST The banjo player in the small instrumental groups in the N.B.C. studios must lead a lonely life. While on the air he has to sit back in a corner while the other players cluster around the microphone. The reason given is that the notes of the banjo come through more sharply than any other instrument, and, in order to keep the instrument in balance with the other orchestral units, it must be kept far away from the microphone.



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## MUSIC OUTGROWS FROM CAROLLING

Boar's Head Has Been Succeeded by Stuffed Turkey in Modern Festivity

"Come," said Wardle, "a song—a Christmas song. I'll give you one in default of a better."

Pickwick. It is not known into which old carol Wardle broke, but we may be very sure that it was one of the familiar ones, and that he did justice to it. Singing carols at Christmas time has always been part of our Christmas ritual. But not as they are sung today, either by trained choirs or by quartets on their rounds from house to house.

Indeed, the old sacred and traditional songs enshrine the very spirit of the season and carry it on from generation to generation, keeping alive the spirit that caused the watching shepherds to raise their voices and fill the still night with the strains of "Glory to God in the Highest," conjuring the simple pieties of singers long since dead.

CHARM IN THE PAST When old Patch, the parish clerk, with the rest of the village choir, sang beneath the "Tulipiers" windows, Maggie would have it that the singing owed nothing to human voices, that it was, in short, a supernatural phenomenon. And Tom laughed at her, as readers of George Eliot will recall.

Yet, despite the decay of organized carol singing, there is something in these old traditional melodies and in the charming words that go with them that stir the heart strangely. Perhaps it is because in them we hear the voice of a simple faith that has departed with the singers of other days.

When St. Francis of Assisi wandered near Paris one Yuletide he decided upon a Nativity play. The stable, the manger, the ox and the ass, the Mother and the Child were all faithfully presented. And when the audience was assembled the followers of St. Francis gathered about and sang the story of Christ's birth. They caroled the sacred tale.

AN INNOVATION St. Francis had been to Rome. He had preached before the Pope and the cardinals. His order had been formally sanctioned by a Papal Bull. Letters had been sent out to all the provinces of Christendom recommending the monasteries of the Brother Minor to the good graces of the ecclesiastical authorities. These things arranged, St. Francis made yet another request to the Pope. He would like, he said, to celebrate Christmas with certain unusual ceremonies which had suggested themselves to him, ceremonies which would bring the meaning of the day home to simple people; but he would not do this without the approval of His Holiness, lest he should be accused of levity.

In medieval England, where carols played a large part in Christmas jollities, they sang full-blooded songs, such carols as:

Wassail, Wassail, all over the town. Our toast is white and our ale it is brown. Our bowl is made of the maple tree; We all be good fellows—I drink to thee.

One of the earliest known carol makers was old Wynkyn de Worde, who flourished in the sixteenth century. It was he who composed the carol in honor of the boar's head, the first lines of which run as follows:

Chaput april defero Reddens laudes domino The boar's head in hand bring I With garlands gay and rosemary. I pray you all sing merrily—Que est in in convivio. The boar's head, I understand, Is the chief service in this land. Look wherever it be found, Serve it cum cautio.

Gone the boar's head, to be replaced by the stuffed turkey, and gone the old carol to make way for the new. But we must not imagine that strolling carol singers without voices or any musical merit are peculiar to our times. When Queen Elizabeth sat upon the throne of England the populace bewailed the vociferous "roving boys"—strolling carol singers—who made night hideous with their caterwauling.

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## Radio Sets as Yuletide Gifts Have Special Charm

Hesitancy in Purchase Deprives the Family of Pleasure Which Is Daily Experience in Coming Year—Why People Buy

Why should I buy a radio set for Christmas? asks the man who points to the fact that he did not buy one last year, so why should he now? Will there be no more improvements? Yes, there will probably always be refinements, just as in the case of the automobile. But the man who failed to buy a radio last Christmas has missed something every day in life.

If he just bought a set last Christmas it would not be obsolete today; in fact, it would be just as good as new if he took care of it. Improvements occur in radio, but they do not offset the pleasures gained by owning one. There are no radical changes in sight that will make obsolete the sets now on the market. Some seem to fear that television will arrive suddenly during 1930 and that will make the receivers of today useless.

WHY PEOPLE BUY Why do people buy radio sets for Christmas? Radio Retailing has made a survey to determine what factors influence people to install radios in their homes. The answers that follow may serve to show those who are thinking about buying for Christmas what they will get from their investment.

"I thought it was one thing the whole family could enjoy and that

was would help to keep them all at home in the evenings."

"My husband enjoyed the neighbor's set so much that I knew it was something he would appreciate for a present."

"I thought it was a good thing for the boy to get interested in. I thought, perhaps, he would learn to take care of it."

"We enjoy music, but we don't always get out to concerts. This has brought it into the house."

"I am alone a great deal and it is company."

"I like to follow the football games."

"I think it is fun to listen in on other cities. We have had very good luck with our machine and sometimes the whole neighborhood comes in to hear what we have gotten."

"I didn't want one, but my husband bought it and now I couldn't do without it. I like the good music and the lectures, but I think I tune in oftenest on the household talks."

"It comes in very handy in entertaining guests."

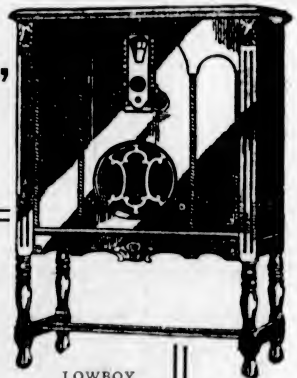
"We have an invalid in the house and I don't know what we should do without the radio."

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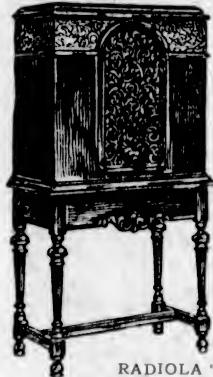
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# Value of Radio Is Fully Appreciated

## FAN MAIL IS AID TO BROADCASTERS

Listeners Urged to Write, Telegraph or Telephone Ideas to Studio Directors; Suggestions and Opinions Always Appreciated—Inquiries Demonstrate Whether Programmes Are Successful

### Difficulties of Performing For an Unseen Audience

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—"Anyone telephone or telegraph? How many letters did you get? Did they like it? Did it go over?" Daily, nightly, in tens of thousands of radio broadcasting stations the country over, these questions are asked—eagerly, anxiously, expectantly. And they who ask them are ever the same—the people who pay the bills for radio entertainment and broadcasting service.

These footers of the broadcasting bills are great stations chains; they are individual commercial firms or other corporate bodies who bear the expense of sponsoring goodwill programmes; they are independent stations paying for special studio programmes.

But it doesn't matter in what class they are, all want to know the answer to such questions as: "What do the fans think of this or that programme?" "Did they like it?" "If not, why not?" "If so, why?" "What kind of programmes do they want?" "How do they want them put on and at what times?" Why are such questions asked? These people are seeking desperately to find ways and means to do one thing: To keep as many listeners as possible from turning the dials of their radio sets while a particular programme is on the air. Unless they can do that each has spent and labored and planned in vain.

**PERENNIAL PROBLEMS**  
All this has been said before, but it's a problem that is ever new! It is always with the broadcaster who seeks to "give the public what it wants."

If you want to see radio programmes improve as you have never seen them improve before; if you want to have the best entertainment and thought of the world brought to your very hearthstones; if you want to inspire programme directors and their allied staffs to heights of achievement they never dreamed themselves capable of—all this is in your power to bring about if you will only—Write! Telephone! Telegraph! One or all three!

Sounds like an attempt to put on a "Communications Week," doesn't it?

Seriously, the biggest thing in radio today is the problem of the radio programme. So to those who will shortly become members of that great army of listeners-in, it is pertinent to address a most earnest plea that they cultivate, right at the beginning, the valuable habit of constituting themselves fair-minded critics of "what's on the air."

And to those who have been these many months seasoned veterans of the far-flung battalions of dial-twisters, should be addressed a still more earnest plea that they not only make frequent and emphatic use of the fountain pen, the telephone or the telegraph, but do their share in "getting out the vote"—that is, in talking over with friends the merits and demerits of the various features of the air, and in inducing them to add their say-yes in telling programme directors what the public would like on its etheric menu.

**YOU ARE JUDGE**  
Of course, no one is going to like everything on the programme of any one station; that is, not as a regular thing. That's one factor the studio of programme director can count on in advance. He knows full well the value of variety. But he does need to know why some parts of the programme are popular and others not.

There are other reasons why broadcasting stations need the letters, the telephone calls, the telegraph messages of their audiences. They need suggestions for putting on the air events or programme features that are not now being broadcast, and probably never have been. It has long been a puzzle why some radio director did not offer a bonus for the best idea of the month or some such scheme as that.

How many times have radio fans heard the remark: "My! I'd like to have station so and so broadcast that!" All right; why not let the poor director in on the secret? Every director prays for a new idea for a programme.

Don't get the idea, such suggestions are going to make it easier for programme directors. The more suggestions there are the harder the programme director and his staff will have to work. For it will be their job to put over the idea suggested. A deluge of fan mail poured into a station that never experienced such a thing before will do more to wake up that station than anything else that could happen to it.

**STATIONS NEED IT**  
There are stations that need this, and the radio fans are the only ones who can accomplish it! This would do more than even the radio commission toward bettering radio broadcasting conditions in general. There are stations on the air in need of the drastic discipline of caustic comment, but it is equally true that there are many more broadcasters who are deserving of the highest praise, both for the sincerity of their efforts and because of the excellence of their productions.

Telephone calls, letters and telegrams are the only "applause" they receive. It is the least "fans" can do, and they will find them grateful.

Never before in the history of entertainment has there occurred a condition such as has been created by radio broadcasting—the problem of "performing" for an audience whose reactions can neither be seen nor heard either during the performance or afterward. An audience can be seen walking out of a theatre; the radio audience "walks out" by the simple expedient of turning a dial. You know what's happening in the first instance; but in the second instance, you can't even guess.

One of the most debated questions of broadcasting policy today is the extent to which "advertising" should be included in sponsored programmes and the like. There is no set practice in this regard. Even among those no-sponsor programmes there is division of opinion. Recently a Federal radio commissioner accused one of the great station networks of allowing too much "advertising on the air."

**WHAT'S YOUR OPINION?**  
What do you think of this matter? Well, why not write to the stations whose programmes are affected by this specific thing and tell them and the sponsor just what you think of the programme and the manner in which the "advertising" element is handled? You know whether you like it or not; that's what they would like to know.

There isn't any factor in the realm of things radio today that is any more powerful for good than this element of "fan mail." It is a governing factor in the broadcasting of today; it will be just as potent a factor in the visual broadcasting (television) which is to come—and in the ultimate combination of broadcasting sound, movement and color—that is, "radio movies in the home."

It is a matter which is of vital importance to every radio listener—either from a purely selfish motive or from motives of patriotism and desire to be of service.

The radio industry can be depended on to develop refinements in radio receiving apparatus; on having broadcasts brought to your hearing with virtually the exact charm and inspiration of the original; on the scientist seeing to it that stations put on the air transmissions that make these results possible.

**DEPENDS ON FANS**  
But a great deal of the responsibility for the kind and class and type of programmes broadcast depends on the individual's likes and dislikes—frankly, honestly and unequivocally expressed.

There are promises in the air of great things to come. It will not be long, according to very recent reports, before we will hear, regularly, the programmes of foreign radio stations. This will be done, of course, by rebroadcasting such programmes after they have been picked up on this side of the ocean. Our programmes are also expected to be heard regularly in foreign countries.

When such interchange of programmes has become a settled thing, there will begin a mutual exchange of opinion—critical, but sympathetic and friendly. Even if the speech of various nations cannot be understood, music is a universal language and every listener knows what he or she likes, in this country or elsewhere.

Expressing an opinion of a radio programme is like exercising a "franchise of the air"—it is in reality the casting of a ballot for or against. One "votes" or one stays away from the "pools."

The important thing is that every listener-in should "vote." A heavy "fan" mail concerning any one feature on the air is not necessarily an accurate and comprehensive index of the universality of appeal of such a feature unless letters, telegrams and telephone calls are received from a comprehensive and inclusive complement of listeners-in.

Nothing will do more to improve radio generally than an intelligent contact between the listener-in and the broadcasting station. This is a contact that can be encouraged and established only by the listener-in taking the initiative. The station is more than willing to meet the listener half way. Nothing but good can come of such co-operation.

"Fan" messages will keep on the air good programmes that are now delighting millions; they will bring into being broadcasts that do not now exist; they will be of incalculable value in aiding the development of sound and beneficent programme policies and practices.

In all the history of the North American continent there was never a better opportunity offered the average man and woman to take a definite and very vital part in the development of the cultural and democratic phases of life.

Buy a radio set. Listen in. And then vote. Frequently and emphatically!

Help get out the vote!

#### What to Seek

##### When Buying

##### New Radio Set

The following points are laid down by J. A. Dowle, of the National Radio Institute, Washington, D. C., as a guide to be followed in picking a radio set.

**Selectivity**—The ability of a set to receive signals from a broadcast station of a certain wavelength or frequency to the exclusion

of other stations broadcasting on practically the same wave-length or frequency.

**Quality**—The fidelity or naturalness of musical reproduction obtained by a receiving set, based on comparing the likeness of reproduction with the music originally rendered by instruments and artists at the broadcast station.

**Volume**—The loudness of reproduction obtainable without sacrifice of quality.

**Sensitivity**—The ability to receive and reproduce signals from distant broadcast stations.

**Appearance**—The outward design and finish of the receiver and its fitness to lend itself harmoniously to the surroundings in which it will be used.

**Simplicity of control**—The ease with which different broadcast stations may be tuned in as determined by the number of controls which must be manipulated in actual operation.

Beatrice Harrison, English cellist, will begin a concert tour of America early in December.

#### ART LINDSEY IN N.B.C. STUDIOS

Pacific Northwest listeners tuned to a National Broadcasting Company programme originating in San Francisco and coming through KOMO recently were pleasantly surprised by hearing the voice of Art Lindsey, KOMO's former chief announcer. Art Lindsey is now announcer in the San Francisco studios of the National Broadcasting Company and is the latest addition

to KOMO's colony now associated with the National Broadcasting Company at San Francisco.

Other former KOMO staff artists new with the National Broadcasting Company include Doug Richardson, tenor, who frequently sings on the Musical Mucketeers and other programs originating in San Francisco, and George Ragovoy, colorful Russian cellist, formerly a member of the Totem Concert Orchestra of KOMO, is now in Max Dolin's orchestra.

Another artist in San Francisco,

who has never been associated with KOMO but has a wide host of friends in the Pacific Northwest, is Elmer Crowhurst, organist, and featured artist on a number of programmes originating in San Francisco. This interest results largely in that Elmer Crowhurst's brother, Otto Crowhurst, is president of the Seattle Musicians' Association.

The only appearance of Alfred Cortot and Jacques Thibaud in New York this season was on November 16, when these artists were heard in a sonata recital.

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# Science Has Aided Radio Progress

## NINE EXPEDITIONS REPORT BY RADIO

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Expeditions are the radio amateurs' specialty. Explorers and adventurers whose destinations may be the furthest corners of the earth, now embark with complete confidence that they will never lose touch with civilization, provided they are equipped with suitable radio apparatus. There is always a veritable host of radio amateurs throughout the world, young and old, tuning in nightly for messages from far away places.

These amateurs hear the dots and dashes that spell out messages on receiving sets capable of tuning to the range of wave lengths far below the lowest point on the dial of the

average broadcast receiving set. Special apparatus must be used, but short wave equipment is readily obtainable on the market for those qualified to operate it.

The official organ of the American Radio Relay League, QST, lists nine expeditions with which amateurs may now contact. Most frequently heard, of course, is the Byrd expedition at Little America, which has frequently relayed its reports via amateur stations when direct communication with New York failed because of peculiar atmospheric conditions. Commander Byrd's supply ship, the Eleanor Bolling, is also working through the amateurs while in port at Dunedin, New Zealand.

Amateurs in the Philippines have regularly contacted with Stuart Weston, a young amateur from Washington, D.C., who is radio operator aboard the Carnegie Institute's yacht, Carnegie, now in the second

year of a three-year cruise to study terrestrial magnetism in all the seven seas.

The all-American Lyric Malayan expedition now in the jungles of Borneo, where University of Chicago scientists are making an anthropological study of the natives, has also kept in contact with the world through amateurs in the Philippines.

### MUM ABOUT SUNSHINE

William Rainey, N.B.C. production manager, is a real "native son." He was born in San Francisco and attended the University of California. In spite of it all, he never talks about California sunshine.

Hugo Kreidler, 65, recently in Vienna, aged forty-six. Though he never attained world fame like his brother, Fritz Kreidler, he was highly esteemed as a violinist in his native city of Vienna.

### Phil Cook, N.B.C.

Artist, Proves He's Versatile

Phil Cook, N.B.C. comedian, is regarded by radio fans as among the most versatile of entertainers. During a recent programme he portrayed the parts of an Irish cop, a negro porter, an Italian bootblack, a down-east Yankee and read lines in his natural voice. The characters conversed with each other, without the customary break of another voice.

Ernest Bloch was honored by a festival in Amsterdam during the latter part of October. "Schelemo," the rhapsody "America," and one of his earlier works, the C Sharp Minor Symphony, were among his works given.

### Correspondent Turns To Microphone



MR. FLOYD GIBBONS

Famous war correspondent, who has adapted his talents to the reporting of the discoveries of science. He is featured in the General Electric Hour with Walter Damrosch, dean of American conductors, every Saturday night at nine o'clock (Eastern standard time) over the National Broadcasting Co. coast-to-coast system.

### All-Wave Radio Receiver Developed By Canadian Expert

MONTREAL, Dec. 7.—To have to develop the child of his brain through a dream and to achieve the desired end is the experience of J. H. Van Koolbergen, of this city. Mr. Van Koolbergen is the inventor of a radio set which will tune in on all wave lengths from sixteen to 25,000 meters and receive signals throughout the entire broadcast and commercial bands used by the various Governments of the world.

The set, which has but one control, will tune in on short waves, as well as it does on broadcasting frequencies, and will continue its receptive qualities on 600 meter commercial wave lengths and high powered long wave stations as well, according to its inventor.

Mr. Van Koolbergen claims he conceived the idea for the set through a dream. On awakening, he claims, he applied the principles he remembered seeing to his device and it worked.

The novel receiver requires fourteen condensers, which all move in unison. One of the mechanical problems was to create a tuning control which would move all these condensers with precision. The problem was solved, according to the inventor, by means of a compressed air device with a lead pipe leading to each of the condensers for control. To cover the whole scale of wave channels from sixteen to 25,000 meters take four turns of the compensator dial. A pressure gauge on the front of the panel registers the air pressure of the pneumatic plaitons moving the condensers by direct control. By reading the pressure it is possible to log stations.

### BROADCASTERS HAVE TROUBLES

KOMO executives carry a special plate on their automobile just above the license plate with the call letters of the station. When they are on a vacation trip they carefully remove the plates. Why do they do this? It is not because they are ashamed in the least with their affiliations with the broadcasting station, but it is to avoid a lot of unnecessary questions by ignorant and just curious people, as one official stated.

"Mark" Wieman, director of press relations at KOMO, had an amusing experience in a small town in Southern Idaho. He had stopped for lunch, and after coming out of the town's only restaurant found a car parked alongside of his with similar plates, but bearing the letters KIOY. Being acquainted with Western broadcasting stations, Wieman knew that these letters were

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not call letters of a broadcasting station. The owner of the car was there to greet him with a smile, however.

"Pardner, I don't know what your KOMO means, but if it is something about the Klan, put her there," he exclaimed as he reached out his well-browned fist.

When he was informed that KOMO were the call letters of a Seattle broadcasting station, he was at first perplexed, but suddenly burst out in hearty laughter. "Joke's on me, I guess. You see, on my car I have KIOY, which means K-lansmen I O-reel Y-o-u, and I thought maybe over in Washington the Klux Klan maybe had some other motto they put on their cars."

Junonia Tenneyson, staff soprano on KFERC, the Don Lee station, tells of the most joyful experience of her life. Her ambition was to study in New York, and having achieved that end, she further yearned to sing in concert in either Aeolian or Carnegie halls. This was also achieved when Thomas Vincent Cator, noted composer, asked her to sing his songs in Aeolian Hall. She worked on them with great enthusiasm and the night of the concert proved to be the most joyful event in her entire musical career.

Pat had been hurt. It wasn't much more than a scratch, but his employer, with visions of being obliged to keep him for the rest of his life, sent him to a hospital for examination. The doctor said: "As subcutaneous abrasion is not observable, I do not think there is any reason to apprehend legu-mental elatization of the wound."

"Ah," said Pat in relief, "ye took the very words out of me mouth."

### DISCUSSES RADIO AS CALLING FOR WOMEN

Josephine Bartlett, who is known to the N.B.C. audience as Helen Webster, was the speaker recently at the meeting of the San Francisco Business Women's Club. Miss Bartlett's talk revolved about "Broadcasting as a Profession for Women."

Barbara Blanchard, N.B.C. soprano sang during the meeting, which took the form of a luncheon in the Women's City Club.

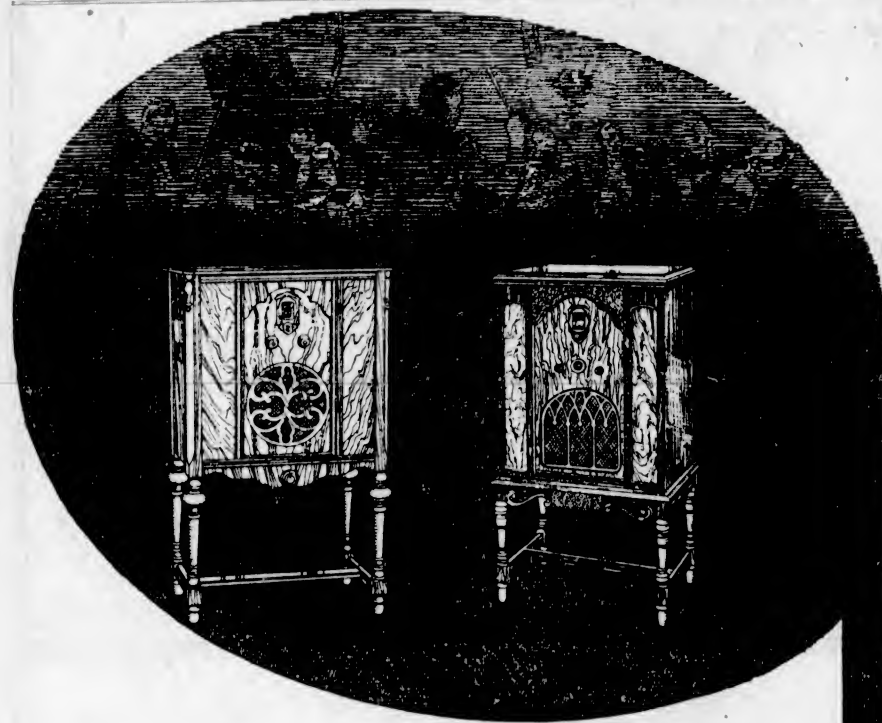
The Graefhals Stradivarius played by Jeno Lener, of the quartette that bears his name, is unique among Strada because it was one of five in-laid and unusually beautiful fiddles made by Stradivarius.

After his death the five instruments were secured by the Infante Don Carlos of Spain, and remained in Madrid for several generations. By some unknown means the violin now owned by Jeno Lener passed into the possession of a collector, John Blow, who sold it to a London connoisseur, J. Adam. When his collection was dissolved, it was purchased by Count Graefhals from whom it took its present name.

Mal Hallett and members of his orchestra playing in Coconut Grove, Hotel Ambassador, and now being broadcast over station KNX, Hollywood, celebrated a tenth anniversary last month. The organization was effected in Boston in 1919.

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# Radio Aids Growth of Musical Art

## Children Appear Severe Critics of Radio Broadcasts

Present-Day Young People Are Frank in Expressing Opinions—Show Preference for Live Personalities Rather Than Those of Past—Experience of Chicago "Air Juniors' Club"

## Study Is Made of Moral and Betterment Policy of Youth

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Children of today are more interested in living personalities than they are in people who lived in the past. That's what Irma Glen and Everett Mitchell have found in conducting their "Air Juniors' Club" over WENR, Chicago. The club was inaugurated in August, 1928, since then the two conductors have experimented with all kinds of programmes to determine which received the greater reaction from tiny fans.

Response from children proved to be frank. Nature stories and poems by children's poets—Eugene Field, Longfellow and others—are popular. "And riddles—it seems that all children are interested in riddles. We give the riddle one day and then answer it the next, but almost before our hour is up we get telephone calls telling us the answer."

**EDUCATIONAL CONTESTS**  
Contests conducted by the club have proven popular. A Santa Claus letter contest at Christmas time drew response from every state and parts of Canada. An encyclopedia contest, consisting of giving children a letter of the alphabet and asking them to look up the lives of the great men whose names began with the letter, also proved popular as well as educational.

**MOVIES BY RADIO**  
"One of our first experiments was a radio moving picture of 'Huckleberry Finn,'" says Miss Glen. "We told this story as though we were viewing it on a screen. We then gave a series of stories telling of the childhood of great musicians. It was during this experiment that we discovered from our letters that children today wanted better educational features, and particularly about people living now, such as Lindbergh and others."

"As a result we started a series of stories about children of today who have made their mark in the world, such as Jackie Coogan."

## Scene Taken From "Pickwick Papers"



Mr. Wardle's Christmas Party, as Depicted at the Yuletide Festival Here Last Winter.

suits crowded the studio with wooden figures.  
A Memorial Day contest brought a large number of essays to the studio.

**CHILDREN PARTICIPATE**  
Dog-loving children get a thrill out of sending the names of their dogs into the studio and hearing them called over the "mike." Miss Glen says the club has received many amusing letters telling the reaction of the dogs when they heard their names called.

A practical educational feature is a singing and dramatic club. There are fifty members in this organization and every holiday the children give a play in the studio. The Harmonica Club plays during the programmes and teaches apt pupils how to play.

Some created characters loved by the tiny audience are "Peter, the Browne," "Charles, the Rooster," "Tuffy, the Canary," "Emma, the Duck," and her two waddling babies, "Fuzzy Wuzz" and "Fluffy Down." These characters have been created because it has been found that children like to hear dogs barking, roosters crowing and other animal noises," Miss Glen says.

Since its inception, the "Air Juniors" has registered 30,000 members, many of whom are adults. Insignia of membership is a blue and gold button and a membership card. Irma and Everett have kept a complete file of these names and have pictures of about 4,000 of the members.

## RADIO NEEDS CLOSE CENSOR

Off-Color Remarks Are Detrimental to Programmes, Says Washington Radio Writer

## JOINT INDUSTRY COMMITTEE PLAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—"The thing most dreaded by the radio industry is the possibility of government censorship," declares Robert D. Heidt, well-known radio writer of Washington. "Although the air is very clean, much cleaner than the stage, nevertheless there are times when off-color remarks are heard, and of late there have been an increasing number of complaints with regard to offers broadcast in connection with incurable diseases and fraudulent stock selling schemes."

"At such times there is almost invariably a suggestion from some quarters that censorship on the part of the Federal radio commission, of which there is now virtually none, be stiffened. At present the law reads that 'no person shall utter any obscene, indecent or profane language over the radio, but there is no machinery provided for bringing such remarks to the attention of the commission, nor is any penalty stipulated.'

## COMMISSION HELPLESS

"In practice the commission sometimes considers a programme in the light of 'public interest, convenience or necessity,' but generally speaking is helpless in the face of many complaints. Although every now and then some senator or representative breaks loose with a denunciation of conditions in the air, it is not believed conservative legislators are anxious to inflict a censorship on a radio station because it is dabbling with freedom of speech, but they express the opinion privately that the thing should not be allowed to run wild and something ought to be done about it."

"Which brings forth the suggestion from this writer that the industry itself, in co-operation with leaders in Congress and the Federal Radio Commission, volunteer to undertake the job."

**SUGGESTED MACHINERY**  
"Machinery for the work could be quickly set up, without expense to the Government, the listening public or the organizations concerned. It would consist of a committee of members of the National Association of Broadcasters, the Radio Manufacturers' Association and the Newspaper Radio Editors' Association."

"This joint committee would, of course, have no legal authority, but would be in a position, if its hints to a station that it cease objectionable practices didn't accomplish the purpose, officially to report the matter to the commission or to the senate and house radio committee as the gravity of the offence might warrant."

"It is believed if the industry were to take up the work, a hint to the wise among the offending stations, in most cases, would be sufficient to make the station realize the error of its ways."

"As it is now in radio, when there is an off-color remark on the air, and there was a flagrant one recently, as some broadcaster bursts forth with an alleged cancer cure, as a broadcaster did last week, about all that can be done is for somebody to write to the Radio Commission, and the latter body having no police powers, there the matter ends. If such a thing were reported to a joint industry committee, such as has been proposed, very likely something could and would be done about it."

## Screen Grid Sets Need Small Aerials

If an aerial is employed with the modern screen-grid receiver, should not be too long. So sensitive are these sets that an extremely long outdoor antenna may feed tremendous radio frequency voltage to the receiver and tend to overload the detector.

For the average set of this type, where nothing more than local reception is desired, a wire thirty feet long, including lead-in, is adequate. For reception stations at great distances a wire between fifty and seventy-five feet may be employed.

Mieczyslaw Soltyś, director of the Society of Music of Warsaw, died at Lowow, Poland, on November 13.

## Holland Programme "Dutch Treat" for Girl in St. Louis

The radio programme from Holland rebroadcast recently through a coast-to-coast network of N.B.C. system stations proved a real "Dutch treat" to Mary Bentzen, of St. Louis, Mo., according to a wire from her. "Your Holland programme marvelous. Reception perfect. Many thanks for such a Dutch treat," her telegram read.

## Song, Written When Child, Rewards Star

Advice to juvenile song writers: Don't throw away your manuscripts if you can't find a publisher. Vaughn de Leath, N.B.C. contralto, wrote a song called "Old Glory" when she was twelve years old. The song has just been published and is having a widespread sale. It all happened because Miss de Leath sang the song, just for the fun of it, on a Voice of Firestone programme.

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O'More, who has been a microphone performer for several years and who is now leading man of Philco Theatre Memories, broadcast weekly over the National Broadcasting Company System, and a member of the New Yorkers Quartette, an N.B.C. organization, knows the folk music of the two countries so thoroughly that there is hardly a song that he cannot readily identify.

O'More studied in Paris four years under the patronage of an American millionaire. During all of these years of work he has built the national music libraries of France. Thus his studies included more than voice culture.

Later, he visited the island of his ancestors, for O'More is thoroughly Irish, despite the fact that his birthplace was Heber Springs, in the Arkansas Ozarks. There O'More completed an education in Irish folk music that he began as a child with his parents as teachers. He lived in Dublin and Cork for several years.

O'More's chief diversion away from the microphone is cooking, and he claims ability to prepare food of the most tempting variety with no effort at all. He also plays golf.

## CUPID IS AIDED BY UKE PLAYER

Now comes radio a right-hand man to D. Cupid.

Several months ago Milt Coleman, who sings songs and strums a popular ukulele through the N.B.C. system six mornings each week, had a letter from a girl who requested he sing "If I Had You" during an early programme. The writer explained that her boy friend was bashful, but that the song had once almost inspired him to propose.

The ukulele player complied with the request. And a few days ago had a note from the girl reading, in part, "Thanks an awful lot for fulfilling my request. The song had the desired effect and we're married."

## XYLOPHONE WINS TRIBUTE FROM MAN

A lean, weather-beaten man, with the peculiar stoop of the mountaineer, sauntered into KOA, at Denver, recently and asked to be shown through the station.

The hostess first took him to the main studio, where the larger instruments of the orchestra were placed. The xylophone took his eye. He walked all about it, examined the long sound chambers, felt the wooden slabs above them gingerly. At length he stood back in awe. "Well, I'll be!" he ejaculated, "that's your broadcasting machine."

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Dr. Daniel A. Poling will conduct a National Youth Conference programme during a coast-to-coast broadcast through N.B.C. System stations today in the hour beginning at 10 o'clock.

Assisting Dr. Poling will be a mixed vocal quartette consisting of Muriel Wilson, soprano; Helen Janke, contralto; Richard Maxwell, tenor; and Earle Waldo, basso. George Shackley will direct the singers, and an orchestra in the musical selections.

Dr. S. Parkes Cadman will deliver a sermon to a nation-wide radio congregation while he stands before microphones in the Cathedral Studio in New York city and broadcasts this afternoon between 1 and 2:30 o'clock, Pacific standard time.

There will be several musical offerings during the course of this ninety-minute period, all of which will be provided by the Cathedral Studio Choir under the direction of George Dinsworth.

**PHILCO HOUR**  
With the music of three of France's greatest composers bringing to a close a series of special Philco Hour programmes, Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra will be heard today between 2:30 and 3:30 o'clock.

One of the strangest of marches—the "Hungarian March" from Berlioz' "The Damnation of Faust"—opens the hour, during which the orchestra will play on the stage of the Academy of Music in Philadelphia. This composition, known also as the "Rakoczy March," has for its theme a rather fast yet majestic melody which is built up into a stirring climax. The march is in reality the Hungarian National Air and was incorporated into "The Damnation of Faust" when the opera was brought to Hungary for performance.

Cesar Franck, the second composer to be represented, was not French by birth. He was born in Belgium and came to Paris to study in 1844. There he became the leader of the new school of French instrumental composition. Franck's Symphony in D Minor, in three movements, will be played in its entirety. A characteristic feature of the symphony is the half-tone progressions, peculiar to the style of composition Franck established.

For the final number Stokowski has selected Debussy's Nocturne, "Festivities." Debussy achieved fame as the leader in the movement toward impressionistic expression.

He created a new style, disregarding the established forms used by earlier composers. His music reflects the vague, the indefinable, to which he was attracted. The "Festivities" Nocturne is one of his modern compositions, in which he imagined "the restless dance rhythms of the atmosphere interspersed with abrupt scintillations."

**SUNDAY CONCERT**  
With music Sibelius tells the story of an oppressed race in his "Finlandia," which is one of half a dozen orchestral numbers to be played during the Sunday concert this evening between 5 and 6 o'clock.

This programme will be directed by Charles Hart. There will be a soloist and two groups of songs by a woman's quartette.

Including a brief talk by a guest speaker, dramatized stories, musical offerings and special features, the Collier's Radio Hour will be broadcast tonight, beginning at 5:15 o'clock, Pacific standard time.

A concert of classical music will be presented during the weekly Atwater Kent programme, which is to be broadcast tonight between 7:45 and 8:15 o'clock, Pacific standard time.

Beth and Mother Parker, Lizzie, the Captain and others who gather at the Parker home for a weekly informal neighborhood meeting will be heard on the Pacific Coast for the second time. The half-hour programme is devoted to a simple, old-fashioned semi-religious service conducted by Beth Parker, with Mother Parker playing the hymns on a melodeon and all of their friends taking part in the singing.

A "Little Journey" by the Pilgrims is scheduled to start at 8:15 o'clock tonight over the N.B.C. System and to take these musical nomads across the Bay of Bengal to Rangoon, the principal city of Burma.

The stellar attraction of Rangoon is the magnificent Shwe Dagon Pagoda. It is one of the most ancient and venerated shrines which exist, according to Grace Sanderson Machie, who prepares the continuity for the "Little Journeys" made by the Pilgrims.

**READER'S GUIDE**  
Several new books will be reviewed and as many magazine articles will be discussed during the thirty-minute "Reader's Guide" service which Joseph Henry Jackson will give this evening between 9 and 9:30 o'clock.

There will be a short period set aside during the half-hour for answers to questions submitted by the radio audience.

Playing in Drury Lane, Hotel Whitcomb, San Francisco, Stanislas Bem's Little Symphony will be presented during the thirty-minute period between 9:30 and 10 o'clock tonight.

Eugenia Bem, violinist, is the conductor of the group, which has Stanislas Bem as the 'celist. Lev Shostakovitch, Russian pianist, is a third principal in this organization.

**Belgrade Station to Entertain Europe**  
A new voice is to be heard in Europe, that of Radio Beograd, 455 meters.

The opening ceremony was held in the presence of many notable ministers, diplomats, bishops and professors. Throughout the day a crowd was gathered round a speaker rigged up in the main street. The programme began at 10 a.m. and lasted until midnight.

Some trouble was experienced owing to interference by Rome and Budapest, and the station received many telegrams from Delmatia and Slovenia reporting that "Rome is interfering again."

## Becomes Convert to Radio



MISS VIRGINIA GARDNER

Who deserted the concert stage to become radio's newest dramatic find, describes herself as "versatile, although not proficient, in many arts."

Miss Gardner was born in Philadelphia. She first manifested interest in singing while a child.

Later her parents moved to Toledo. It was there while still at a tender age, although past the "curls and pink bow stage," that she made her first public appearance.

And public appearances became more numerous as time rolled on and soon she was forced to make up her mind whether she would sing or become a dramatic actress.

A free scholarship from Madame Sembrich, of the Metropolitan, answered the question after the girl had studied for two years at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. Two years of study under the personal supervision of the Metropolitan personality and numerous concerts followed.

Then someone mentioned radio and Miss Gardner came to the National Broadcasting Company for an audition.

She told those who were to hear her that she could "sing and act." She "acted" first and further auditions were postponed while hurried lessons in microphone technique were delivered.

That was five weeks ago and since that day she has been heard in the following N.B.C. programmes: Traders, Mystery House, Empire Builders and Radio Guild.

Jean Goldkette's Studebaker Champions will present a popular musical programme to the nationwide audience this evening between 7:15 and 7:45 o'clock, Pacific standard time.

Burvi Retting and Dick Platt, familiarly known to listeners of this programme as the Piano Twins, will be heard during the thirty-minute programme. Fred Waldner, tenor, has two numbers. They are "Eyes" and "Love Me," both of which will be sung to the accompaniment of the thirty-piece orchestra.

**SUNDAY AT SETH PARKER'S**  
With the parlor of a modest home in the little town of Jonesport, Maine, as the setting, the second Sunday at Seth Parker's will be broadcast tonight between 7:45 and 8:15 o'clock, Pacific standard time.

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## One Cent an Hour Average Cost of Operating Radio Sets by the Electric System

By MARTIN CODEL

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—It costs substantially less than one cent an hour to operate the average electric radio receiving set. The power companies are getting considerably more revenue than this from radio, however, for an even larger amount of electric light current is consumed

while people remain at home to listen to radio programmes.

An estimate that comes from the Trade Journal "Electrical Merchandising" fixes one-third of one cent an hour as the average cost of the electricity consumed by a sixty watt alternating current radio receiving set of six tubes. The cost is greater or less, of course, depending upon

the local rate and the number of tubes in the set.

The cost of operating a vacuum cleaner is placed at one cent an hour. The current consumed by an electric washing machine is estimated at two cents an hour. The average electric refrigerator costs something like ten cents a day to operate.

### REVENUES INCREASED

While the amount added to the electric bill by radio does not seem large, the aggregate is sufficient to bring in tremendously increased revenues to the local power companies at very little extra cost to them. Recognizing the fact that they gain much from the use of electric radio sets, some power companies have radio service departments which offer to investigate and eliminate source of interference with radio reception that their customers may believe to be traceable to power lines, electric appliances or other preventable sources.

It is impossible to reckon exactly how much the power companies derive from radio, but some interesting general facts about the revenue radio adds to the power bill are revealed in "Electrical Merchandising," by W. H. Steinhauer, of the Toledo Edison Company.

Analyzing the bills of a group of about one hundred customers, who had installed their first radio sets, all of the electric variety, Mr. Steinhauer found that they had increased their consumption an average of eighty-six kilowatt

hours over a period of one year. At a rate of seven cents per kilowatt hour, this brought their bills up to \$6.02 for the year. This amounted to an increase of more than twenty per cent over the bills paid by the same customers during the preceding year.

Even the old battery-operated set increased domestic consumption, partly because of battery charges, but chiefly because of added burning hours for electric toasters who previously owned battery sets but now own electric sets.

Mr. Steinhauer found that they, too, increased their wattage consumption. In their case, however, the increase in their bills amounted to about fourteen per cent.

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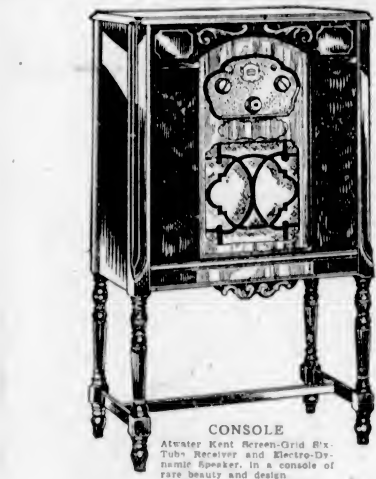
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### "Spotlight" Microphone Is Placed to Give Special Aid

By ISRAEL KLEIN

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Promise of a more artistic type of radio programme comes from the example of one that has from its inception gained a highly favorable response from its listeners. The programme which may prove the pioneer of an entirely new type of radio presentation, not only artistically but mechanically, is the "Westinghouse Salute," which is being broadcast each Wednesday evening at 7:30 (Eastern time) through thirty-six stations on the N.B.C. network, headed by station WJZ, and is heard over Pacific Coast stations from 4:30 to 5 p.m. Its innovations are threefold:

1. Commercialism is sublimated to the point where the full name of the sponsor is never mentioned, its products aren't even hinted at and even its identifying name is recalled only a scant four or five times.

2. For the first time in any orchestral presentation, let alone radio, voices are used as instruments to enhance the quality of the production.

3. A new method of recording the presentation in the studio for transmission over the air is introduced by means of a "megaphone mike"—a microphone of new and more sensitive type than has previously been in use. It is directed from a high platform toward the spot from which the music or conversation comes, much as the movie camera is directed from above to place, picking up closeups and other shots from the big scene.

#### ACT AS INSTRUMENTS

By far the outstanding advancement in radio broadcasting is the quality of the programme presented in this half hour. Under the direction of Cesare Sodero, maestro of the National Broadcasting Company, whose radio operas have entertained fans last year and this, a ninety-piece orchestra of voices and instruments blends action and music into an artistic whole. Forty voices and fifty instruments compose it. The voices are so arranged as to sound like so many instruments and enhance the quality of the entire musical setting.

No word issues from the singers. This is Sodero's dream come true. After the first presentation he made the prediction that this will be the forerunner of large symphonic or-

chestras of the future, using human voices as instruments.

"There is no instrument like the human voice," he said. "There is no reason why it should not be used to enrich the quality of the orchestral ensemble. I have always wanted to do this, and now that it is done I believe it will be taken up universally by the great orchestral conductors and composers."

#### MUSICAL THEME

Conforming with the high quality of this unique orchestra is the rest of the programme. An original and characteristic melody, composed by Sodero, runs through the presentation and is repeated during the intervals when a voice, that of Pedro de Cordoba, carries forward the action or theme of the programme. Only while the playlet which dramatizes incidents picturing the industry to which tribute is rendered does the music stop.

The announcer in this programme appears only at the beginning and the end of the production, while Pedro de Cordoba, an accomplished actor, furnishes the voice of the interludes. The announcer is the only one who mentions Westinghouse, while the entire programme is given over to a colorful salute for one of the major industries.

Edward Hale Bierstadt, playwright and continuity writer for the N.B.C., is responsible for the words and action of each of these half-hour presentations. Joseph Bell, with thirteen years of experience in the theatre, is general director of the productions.

#### MIKE LIKE SPOTLIGHT

Completing the artistic presentation of this programme is the



HERE is the latest thing in radio. It is a directional microphone, capable of picking up a large and complicated programme unaided. It is mounted on a tower. The operator sits behind it and points it down at the sound to be picked up. V. J. Gilcher, N.B.C. Plant Engineer, is shown on the operator's perch. Miss Olga Seris, conductor of N.B.C.'s Parnassus Trio, stands before an ordinary microphone to illustrate the height of the tower. The directional microphone was first used for the inaugural programme of the Westinghouse Salute.

mechanical arrangement providing a new type of pickup. It is called a concentrator microphone and is so arranged as to be pointed toward the source of sound wherever it may be located in the studio. In fact, it acts like a spotlight and is actually referred to as the "spotlight mike" in the studio.

On a high platform, with a megaphone arrangement directed from it toward the studio, the mike receives the sound toward which it is pointed. An operator sits by manipulating it much as the movie operator does his camera. When the orchestra is playing, the mike is pointed forward, but when Cordoba or the announcer or the group of players comes on the air the operator throws the spotlight mike toward them as they face it and speak their parts.

This arrangement does away with the necessity of placing several microphones in various parts of the studio, all operating at the same time in order to make certain of catching all necessary sounds, thus producing a "fuzzy" quality in music and speech.

#### HOW "MIKE AFFECTS HIM

Giovanni Martinelli, tenor of the Metropolitan Opera Company, when singing before the microphone loosens his collar and the rumpled his hair and then grins in a good-natured way at everyone around.

## RADIO DRAMA IS ART FORM

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KGO has a splendid spokesman for the cause of the radio drama in the person of Wilda Wilson Church, pioneer director of the KGO players.

For the past few months Mrs. Church has been making quite a campaign in talking before clubs or any other publicity channel that has been afforded her in an effort to make the public realize that radio drama has a great deal of art that has been more or less dormant.

KGO has been the radio drama producing centre in the West for the past five years, but the support of the public is needed if the General Electric station is to continue developing this art to the highest degree, according to Howard Milholland, studio manager of KGO.

Neither Mrs. Church nor Mr. Milholland believe that dramatized educational talks, vaudeville skits, little vignettes, historical episodes or travelogues are drama in its highest sense. They believe that radio drama when it is created will be a work of art in itself. It will not be propaganda or advertising nor educational in the sense of giving information. It will be more like a wonderful piece of music, cultural in its effect and an education to hear.

## TELEPHONE GIRLS EASY TO SELECT

Their Visit to KOMO Develops in Interest Given to Switchboard

Guides in the studios of KOMO invariably can "spot" a telephone operator or a telephone worker when they are escorting visitors through the studios of KOMO. Their interest seems to centre chiefly upon the switchboard in the control room at KOMO.

The row of "jacks" and cords is of the same type as is used in standard telephone switchboards. Here switches are made from both studios at KOMO to local remote control points in Seattle, including special studios at the Fox Fifth Avenue Theatre, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Olympic Hotel and a number of auditoriums in Seattle and out to the lines of the National Broadcasting Company and the lines of the Northwest radio triangle.

Pushing plugs is a profession with control operators at KOMO as well as with telephone operators, and as soon as a visiting telephone operator learns this almost instantaneously a broad smile is bestowed upon the control operator.

## SHAW'S PRICE FOR RADIO DRAMA HIGH

Maybe you've heard that when George Bernard Shaw, noted British dramatist, was asked recently by a radio director to state the sum for which he would write a drama for radio use, he replied: "Four billion dollars might be sufficient, but that is not a contract."

## Pacific Coast Network Programme for the Week

SUNDAY—12 to 1 p.m., National Youth Conference. 1 to 2:30, Cathedral Hour. 2:30 to 3:30, Philco Hour. 3:30 to 4, Whittall Anglo-Perelana. 4 to 4:30, Sunday Concert. 4:30 to 5, Duo Disc programme. 5 to 5:15, Emma Jettick Melodics. 5:15 to 6:15, Collier's Radio Hour. 6:15 to 7:15, Alviner Kent programme. 7:15 to 7:45, Studebaker Charplings. 7:45 to 8:15, Sunday at Seth Parker's. 8:15 to 9, The Pilgrims. 9 to 9:30, The Reader's Guide. 9:30 to 10, Stanilas Bem's Little Symphony.

MONDAY—1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Pacific Vagabonds. 2 to 2:30, Mormon Tabernacle programme. 3:30 to 4, Gilbert Company programme. 4:15 to 4:45, Evening Reveries. 5 to 5:15, Moment Musicale. 5:15 to 5:45, Aunt Betty Kiddies' Club. 6 to 6:30, Edison programme. 6:30 to 7:30, General Motors Family Party. 7:30 to 8, The Empire Builders. 8 to 9, Rudy Seiger's Shell Symphonists. 8:30 to 8:45, Amos 'n' Andy. 8:45 to 9, Studio programme. 9 to 9:30, Voice of Firestone. 9:30 to 10, The Cigar Band. 10 to 11, Slumber Hour. 11 to 12, Hotel St. Francis Dance Orchestra.

TUESDAY—12 to 1 p.m., The Novelty Five. 2 to 3, The Wanderers. 4:15 to 4:30, Second Universal Safety Series. 4:30 to 5:15, Hotel St. Francis Salon Orchestra. 5:30 to 6, Around the World with Libby. 6 to 7, Eveready Hour. 7 to 7:30, Clichee Club Exklusio. 7:30 to 8:30, Radio-Keith-Orpheum Hour. 8:30 to 8:45, Amos 'n' Andy. 8:45 to 9, Studio programme. 9 to 9:30, Parker Duo-fold Family. 9:30 to 10, The Olympians. 10 to 11, Spotlight Review. 11 to 12, Musical Musketiers.

WEDNESDAY—1 to 2 p.m., Radio Guild. 2 to 2:15, National Women's Party. 2:15 to 2:45, Matinee Time. 3 to 4, The Cabin Door. 4 to 4:30, Hotel St. Francis Salon Orchestra. 4:30 to 5, Westinghouse Salute. 5 to 5:30, The Three Boys. 5:45 to 6, Agricultural programme. 6 to 6:30, Halsey, Stuart programme. 6:30 to 7, Palmolive Hour. 7:30 to 8, Stromberg-Carlson programme. 8 to 8:30, Roads to Romance. 8:30 to 8:45, Amos 'n' Andy. 8:45 to 9, The Hill Billy Boys. 9 to 9:30, Parisian Quintette. 9:30 to 10, Miniature Biographies. 10 to 11, Cotton Blossom Minstrel. 11 to 12, Musical Musketiers and dance orchestra.

THURSDAY—12 to 1 p.m., The Novelty Five. 2 to 4, House of Myths. 4 to 4:45, Salon Orchestra. 4:45 to 5, News Service. 5 to 8, Sunshine Hour. 8 to 8:30, Selberling Singers. 8:30 to 7, Little Symphony Orchestra. 7 to 7:30, Victor programme. 7:30 to 8:30, Standard Symphony Hour. 8:30 to 8:45, Amos 'n' Andy. 8:45 to 9, Studio programme. 9 to 9:30, Memory Lane. 9:30 to 10, The Nomads. 10 to 10:30, Plantation Echoes. 10:30 to 11, N.B.C. Green Room. 11 to 12, Musical Musketiers.

FRIDAY—12 to 1 p.m., Rembrandt Trio. 1 to 2, Pacific Feature Hour. 3:30 to 4, What's Happening in the World. 4 to 4:30, Hotel St. Francis Salon Orchestra. 4:45 to 5, "The World in Music." 5 to 6, Cities Service Concert. 6 to 8:30, Interwoven Pair. 8:30 to 7, Philco's Theatre Memories. 7 to 7:30, Armstrong Quakers. 7:30 to 8, Armour programme. 8 to 8:30, Footlights. 8:30 to 9, Amos 'n' Andy. 8:45 to 9, Studio programme. 9 to 9:30, The Cosmopolitans. 9:30 to 10, Union Service Station Hour. 10 to 10:30, "In the Parlor." 10:30 to 11:30, Hotel St. Francis dance orchestra. 11 to 12, Musical Musketiers.

SATURDAY—12 to 1 p.m., The Novelty Five. 2 to 5:30, The New Business World. 5:30 to 6, Sunset Synchronizers. 6 to 7, General Electric Hour. 7 to 8, Lucky Strike Hour. 8 to 8:30, Temple of the Air. 8:30 to 8:45, Amos 'n' Andy. 8:45 to 9, Studio programme. 9 to 9:30, Launderville Lyrics. 9:30 to 10, Staff Conference. 10 to 10:15, Sports Talk. 10:15 to 11, Train News Told. 11 to 12, Musical Musketiers and the Hotel Whitecomb Dance Band.

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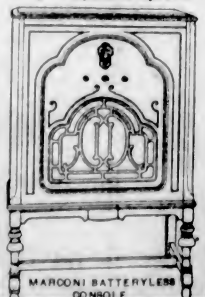
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Young Trees Go to United States to Make Christmas Season Happy

MONTREAL, Dec. 7.—Half a million Christmas trees are being shipped out of Quebec Province over Canadian Pacific lines this season, according to information received

from headquarters of the system. The majority of the trees are destined for the United States. What the cutting and shipping of these trees mean to the Quebec farmer can be understood when it is realized that about \$100,000 is distributed annually among those shipping the trees, which not many years ago were used by them as fuel for their stoves.

The trees, generically known to the man in the street and to children at the fireside as "Christmas trees," are chiefly balsam and spruce with a sprinkling of other coniferous species. It was thought at one time that the cutting of young trees for the Christmas season would seriously deplete the forest resources of the Dominion, but it has been found that so relatively small is the output of Christmas trees that, if an area of 20,000 acres (about thirty square miles) were set apart for the exclusive cultivation of Christmas trees, the annual demand would be more than satisfied.

The main source of supply of Christmas trees is from farms in the neighborhood of Joliette, St. Gabriel, Lachute, Ste. Agathe and the Eastern Townships. The land on which they grow can only produce scrub trees, which rarely attain a height of more than twelve feet. Since the trade in these trees has developed, farmers have in many cases established plantations on their farms, setting out suitable trees and arranging their supply on the basis of rotation.

When a quantity of these trees have been cut, they are carted by the farmer to the nearest railway station, where dealers take delivery and ship them to New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Chicago, St. Louis and other eastern and western cities, where there is a great demand, and where trees of these species are not found in sufficient numbers.

The teacher of a Western Province country school got a shock last week when she asked her pupils to write down a sentence about Rhodessa.

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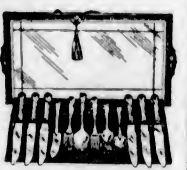
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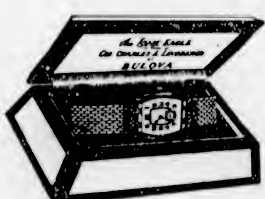
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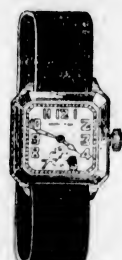
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A northwestern gale swept dry snow around the corner where old Joe sold papers. Shoppers in heavy wraps hurried past, arms loaded with bundles. Children skipped in anticipatory happiness. Old Joe pulled his worn sack coat about him and fastened it tighter with a piece of wire. His hands, in dirty outing mittens, were cold. He knocked the backs of them together gingerly and stamped his feet feebly on the icy walk.

"Paper! Evening Journal Paper!" he droned monotonously. Mentally he figured his gain. Enough for a fifteen cent bed and sandwiches, maybe. But, tomorrow's being Christmas, nobody'd buy papers. He wanted to get enough to buy a little something to—his old face took on a foolish and shamed grin—may-be to make him happy and help him be to forget just what an old beggar he was. Then, he wouldn't have to eat so much either. A vagabond. That's what he was. Never been much else for years.

"Well, hello Santa Claus!" a young man's voice hailed merrily. Old Joe turned. Paper?

A laughing, well-dressed couple faced him. "Why, Jack!" the girl mischievously remonstrated. He wanted to get enough to buy a little something to—his old face took on a foolish and shamed grin—may-be to make him happy and help him be to forget just what an old beggar he was. Then, he wouldn't have to eat so much either. A vagabond. That's what he was. Never been much else for years.

"How are you, Uncle George?" her irreverent companion continued. Old Joe grinned sheepishly behind his beard. "Wanna paper?" he asked.

"I say, Fran!" the youth exclaimed. "Here's our Christmas!" He drew her farther away and whispered. They returned. "Hey! How'd you like to come to our house for Christmas?"

They talked some time before they convinced old Joe that they meant it. Too cold to be proud, he even submitted to the bath and hair cut that Jack paid for. In a suit too small for Jack's father, Joe came abashed into the kitchen and ate.

"You see, Fran's my sister," explained Jack. "The folks went off on their Christmas spree and left us home. We told 'em we'd do something rare for our celebration!" Jack and Frances had eaten down town. It was late. Joe was given some blankets and put on a cot in the corner of Jack's long room.

In the night Joe awakened suddenly. Painfully, he recalled that swell wedding I was told off to do yesterday? The bridegroom has got a nice old-fashioned house somewhere in the suburbs, of which he is particularly proud. He told me particularly to mention that after the honeymoon the happy pair would reside at the 'Old Manse', as he calls the house. The composer has set it to read—"The happy pair will reside at the old man's."

and a clean suit. "They're all right, now, with the nurse here. It was something they ate last night."

Jack was better. He smiled faintly. "Well, the joke was on us, wasn't it, Uncle George? You did us the favor by getting the doctor here and running errands in the night. Before you go, sleep in the closet there and get my case."

Joe popped rheumatically out of the closet, wide-eyed, carrying not a case but an old enlargement. "Wh—What'd ye get this?" he demanded, hands trembling.

"Oh, that's why we call you Uncle George. You see, it's a habit we have to—er—sort of tease Dad. That's his brother, George. He ran away when he was young. Nobody's heard of him since. Dad says he was smart and sure to make his mark somewhere. One of these days, he says, Uncle George will drive up in a Rolls-Royce with enough hundred dollar bills to paper our house. Dad's actually proud of him. We are, rather, too. But we call—er—different fellows 'Uncle George' to make Dad—well, you see—"

Joe nodded. "Well, I gotta be going!"

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## SANTA CLAUS AND REAL ST. NICHOLAS

Whoever says there is no Santa Claus is mistaken. Santa Claus, like Christ, once walked this earth.

He was a man of great kindness and generosity, with a deep love for children.

Such was his hold on the hearts of the people that after he died, December 6, about 1,600 years ago, the date was set aside as a feast and gift day, in commemoration of his life.

His name was Nicholas. After his death folks called him Saint Nicholas.

As the feast and gift-giving day of St. Nicholas spread, the Dutch took it up. The nearest they could come to saying St. Nicholas was Santa Claus.

As time rolled on, December 6, the feast day of Santa Claus, giver of gifts, and December 25, the feast day of Christ, giver of life, became confused in the minds of the people, and eventually the two festivals were combined.

Thus the idea became established that on the eve of the birth of the Christ Child there comes out of the frozen North, with sleigh and reindeer, genial Santa Claus, with gifts.

When persons tell children "Santa Claus brought you this," they are speaking the truth. For the spirit of Santa Claus that still lives, prompted the gift—Wickes Wamboldt.

THE HEAVENS bend low above the earth at Christmas time. It is then that the things above join and blend with the things below. It is then that angels and archangels crowd above the Judean Hills and the refrain of angelic choirs falls upon the ears of men. It is Christmas time, when the flaming glory of visitors from the sky startles like sleeping flocks and watching shepherds at Christmas the stars of heaven find the paths of men and lead the kings of the East to the shrine of the newborn Prince. It is then that the lanterns of weary travelers to greet the Light of the World. It is then that angels and men join in praise to God in the highest, and peace and good will mantle the earth.

All these are but small symbols of that finer blending, that richer combination of divine love and human frailty which brought the spirit-born Son of God to live in the flesh-born son of Mary, to be the Christ of God and the Saviour of men. At Christmas time heaven looks down to earth and earth looks up to heaven.—William L. Gaston.

THE BANK DIRECTOR An Englishman was in Edinburgh the other day, and was desirous of getting to the Bank of Scotland. He did not know the way, so he asked a little boy: "Can you direct me to the Bank of Scotland?" "Aye, I can, if ye gie me a shilling," was the reply. "Surely," said the gentleman, "that is rather much for simply telling me the way to the bank."

"Maybe," said the youngster, "but ye canna expect a fella tae be a bank director for nothin'."

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## Great Britain and the Dominions Overseas

## FOX TROTTERS ORDER TO BE ORGANIZED

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## SUBSCRIPTION TO BE MODERATE ONE

"The Masses' Stage and Film Guild" Is New Theatrical Project Planned for London

By JOAN LITTLEFIELD  
(Staff Correspondent of The Colonist and The North American Newspaper Alliance)

LONDON, Dec. 7.—Among the many elaborate building operations now going on in Hyde Park area are some destined to provide a home for an enthusiastic band of amateur dancers for dancing's sake, who recently organized a society called the Ancient Order of Fox Trotters.

The new hall and club will be equipped with practice rooms to which members may bring their partners to rehearse new steps, and they will be able to frequent the fine dance floor without being under any obligation to buy food or drink on the premises.

A glass of water will be as easily available as a bottle of champagne in many West End ballrooms, and for a small annual subscription dance lovers of moderate means will be able to dance every night on one of the best floors in London.

## NEW PROJECT PUT FORWARD

A new theatrical project which has been put forward by the Independent Labor Party, and has the support of several members of the Government, including Mr. J. R. Clynes, Home Secretary, and Sir Charles Trevelyan, Minister of Education, is "The Masses' Stage and Film Guild."

Its object is to present plays and films of "democratic significance" at prices within the reach of working class audiences. The annual subscription will be in the neighborhood of two shillings each.

At first, performances will be given on Sunday nights only at a West End theatre lent for the purpose, but later, if the plan is successful, it is hoped to establish a people's theatre.

Many well-known theatrical people, including Miss Sybil Thorndike and her husband, are interested in the project, and the plays will be given with professional West End casts.

The first production, "The Fighting Cocks," is being produced by the "Fighting Cocks" club, and is being put on in some expressionist plays by Ernest Toller and George Kaiser, and it is likely several Russian films, including "Potemkin," will be shown. As the Guild will be a subscription theatre it will not be subject to censorship.

Two bright new musicals have recently made their appearance in the West End. One is "Dear Love," at the Palace, a bright song and dance show typical of the entertainment usually put on at this theatre. Its principals are Annie Croft, Tom Burke, the tenor, who is making his debut in musical comedy, and Sidney Howard, the Yorkshire comedian.

The other show is "The House That Jack Built," at the Adelphi. This is a bright revue such as Jack Hulbert knows so well how to construct, and its particular stars are this versatile actor, his brilliant wife, Miss Glynis Courtenay, and Miss Helen Burnell, pretty American dancer. The lyrics are by Ivor Novello and the book is by Ronald Jeans.

## LONDON GETTING PREPARED FOR WINTER SPORTS

The winter sports fever started early this year. In London as far back as October pictures of fascinating damsels clad in sking suits, and accompanied by swains wearing slouch caps reminiscent of the conventional burglar, and wrapped to the eyes in wool, began to enliven the illustrated papers. And now all the big stores have winter sports windows, complete with artificial snow, and most of them employ an "expert" to give advice on the buying of a sporting kit or to demonstrate by means of slow-motion films the correct way to turn on skis.

Most English people, however, do not go to Switzerland or Austria until the school and college holidays begin, just before Christmas, and it is not until toward the end of January that the really expert skiers descend to demonstrate their skill.

Bright young people, however, like to be in advance of the time, so they not only buy their winter sports kit early, but try out parts of it, at least, in the streets of London. Thus brilliant berets with rainbow scarves to match are seen on both men and women motoring in the west end.

## Citizens Urged To Help Develop Greater London

Interest taken in the development of Greater London by wealthy citizens, said Sir Basil Fletcher in his presidential address to the Royal Institute of British Architects in London, he referred to the vast sums for general improvement given by citizens of provincial cities, and hoped that wealthy Londoners would follow their example.

"The importance of environment is the new note sounded today," said Sir Basil Fletcher, "and both in town and country we must preserve and promote beauty in our surroundings. Today is the people's day in building—the day of communal organization, as at Letchworth and Golder Green."

The president criticized the Charing Cross bridge scheme, which, he said, would involve "unsightly" overhead viaducts and the destruction of valuable property like the "Old Vic" Theatre, Coult's Bank, and the Union Jack Club, which would be extremely costly.

## V.C.'S WORN ARE WORTH BIG SUM

Victoria Crosses Cost but \$25, but Value Hugely Increased by Collector's Ardor

## ONTARIO WILL HAVE AUTOCRAPHS

The recent dinner to Victoria Cross holders in London, at which the Prince of Wales presided, again brings attention to that coveted medal awarded to only 1,157 persons since its institution in 1856.

While the cost of casting is trifling, the actual value of the medal being about \$25, it was nevertheless estimated that the market value of all the crosses worn at the dinner would be in the neighborhood of \$500,000, so keen are collectors for them.

Early in the World War an Im-Im was found wearing one of the crosses and it was revealed that a counterfeiter had copied this most cherished of British decorations. There are said to be many forged crosses in circulation, and the keenest eye being able to detect the flaws. The real crosses are made from captured cannon, cast and chased, and it is in the making that the genuine can be detected from the spurious cross.

V.C.'s have been withdrawn from the recipient has been found guilty of the crime and sent to prison for a long term, but there are not many such cases on record.

Although it is against the rule to sell the cross of a living man, there have been unfortunate instances of owners being forced by circumstances to part with their treasured decorations.

A message from Toronto says that a book containing the autographs of all the V.C.'s at the Prince of Wales' Armistice Day dinner in London as well as His Royal Highness' own signature will come to the Ontario Museum through the Dominion Government, through the efforts of Mr. W. C. Noxon, Provincial Agent-General in London.

## MEMORIAL UNVEILED

Bronze Tablet to Rev. G. A. Studdert-Kennedy Placed in Worcester Cathedral

A bronze tablet in memory of the Rev. G. A. Studdert-Kennedy ("Woodbine Willie") has been unveiled by the Dean of Worcester in Worcester Cathedral. The tablet, the cost of which has been defrayed from the memorial fund to which people all over the world contributed, bears an inscription describing Mr. Kennedy as "a poet, a prophet, an earnest seeker of the truth, an ardent advocate of Christian fellowship."

The Dean stated that there had been a wonderful response to the appeal from the King to the very poorest of his people. The tablet had been placed in the cathedral because it was the place where Mr. Kennedy first revealed his power, and was near to the book containing the names of Worcestershire men who fell in the war, because, though he was not one of those who fell, he did such wonderful service in those years.

KEYHOLE AS EVIDENCE

One of the most curious exhibits in an English courtroom was produced when a keyhole was introduced in evidence in a divorce case in London so that the jury might judge how much could be seen by one peeping through it. The keyhole was completely surrounded by a drawing-room door and Justice Hill allowed the whole door to be placed in evidence upon the plea of counsel that there was a question of observations having been made through the keyhole and that the jury might like to test its possibilities for themselves.

## CHALLENGE TO CHURCH GIVEN

Professor E. W. MacBride Asks What Action Will Be Taken Regarding Menace of Births

## "NOT MORE BUT BETTER CITIZENS"

A challenge to the church was thrown out today by Professor E. W. MacBride, Professor of Zoology, at the Imperial College Science, Birmingham, when speaking on the subject of birth control and sterilization of mental defectives before the Anglican Evangelical Society of Birmingham diocese.

The birthrate of the thirty classes, he pointed out, was about the same now as it was sixty years ago. The result was they were being rapidly replaced by the "dole fed" thrifty classes. He asked what line the church was going to adopt in the face of this condition.

Right Rev. C. E. Barnes, Bishop of Birmingham, replied that a nation which put before itself the ideal of increasing its population was already a bad partner in the commonwealth of nations, and the church which refused to face such things, was already a reactionary force on world.

"I view with something like dismay," he said, "the influence of the Roman Catholic Church in the south of Ireland, in Italy and in Poland. Great Britain, sooner or later must close her doors on promiscuous immigration and try to produce not more but better citizens."

The only way to prevent the existence of mentally low grade stocks, continued the bishop, was either to revert to the harsh conditions of our forefathers, which was unthinkable, or to insist that correct knowledge should disclose what action was possible or desirable. "Organized research subsidized by the state was needed," he said.

## APPEAL IS MADE TO DEVONIANS TO SAVE OLD CHANTRY

The Rev. G. V. Sumner, rector of Combe Raleigh, Honiton, Devon, is appealing to all Devonians and lovers of Devon (Americans included) to save for the church and country the chantry at Combe Raleigh, founded in 1463.

The building stands practically as it was built, containing an oak moulded and painted ceiling, considered to be one of the finest in Devon; a curious spiral staircase of solid blocks of oak, one or two of the original casement windows, iron-studded oak doors, original roof timbers, and oak paneling.

It was recently sold to a firm of antique dealers, who purposed restoring it bodily to America, but Mr. Sumner has entered into a contract to purchase it. A sum of £1,500 will be required for this purpose and to effect some necessary repairs. It is proposed to hand the building over to trustees for use as a house for a retired clergyman or other ecclesiastical purposes, thus restoring it to its original use.

## Famous Auld Haunted Kirk



THE "auld haunted kirk" at Alloway, Scotland, which was made famous by Robert Burns in "Tam O'Shanter" and other poems, has been taken over by the British Government and will be preserved in perpetuity as a memorial. In recent years it had been gradually disappearing as the result of neglect and the ravages of vandals.

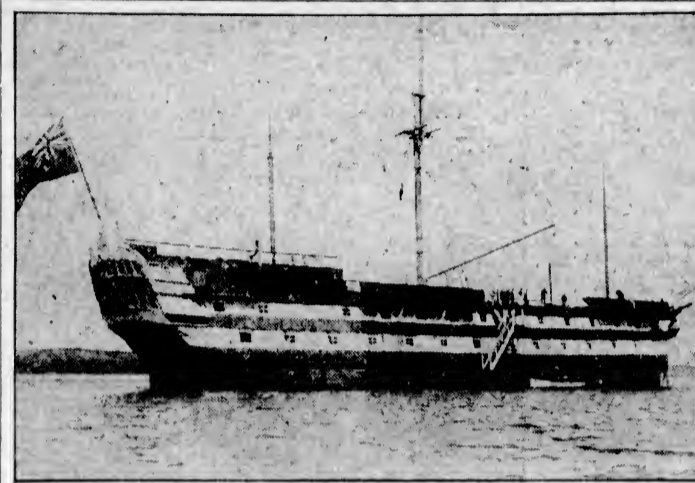
## LONDON VALUES UP

Building of Flats Has Added \$30,000,000 to Valuation of Piccadilly Property

One of the most remarkable of recent London developments has been the enormous rise in site values brought about by the erection of great blocks of luxury flats. A leading West End real estate agent estimated during the last two or three years such developments had added over \$30,000,000 to the assessed valuation of property within a mile of Piccadilly.

In that general area there are now more than 10,000 flats, ranging from bachelor "anquilleries" of one bed-sitting-room and bath, renting from \$1,000, to luxurious suites costing as much as \$15,000. In many cases these apartments have replaced historic homes, but often they are in sections formerly occupied by small shops and business houses.

## Is Oldest Warship Afloat in the World



(By MAJOR F. V. LONGSTAFF) ON Monday, November 4 last, H.M.S. Implacable entered upon the 125th year of her service under the British flag. In the current navy list she is shown under "Harbour Service Ships, as late training ship for boys, 3,222 tons. Lent to Mr. Wheatly Cobb for preservation, Falmouth."

It was on November 4, 1805, that the Duguay Trouin, as she was then named, was captured by a squadron under Captain Sir Richard Strachan, in company with three other French ships. The Duguay Trouin put up a magnificent fight and only surrendered after her captain, Claude Touffet, had been killed together with 150 of her crew. She was the last of four French ships to strike the French flag and was taken to Plymouth Sound, where she was renamed the Implacable.

The Implacable is nearly ready for a further period of useful service to the nation. For more than a hundred years she has flown the White Ensign, a record surpassed only by the Victory. In October, 1925, an appeal was made by Earl Beatty for funds to restore the old two-decker to her former service condition externally, and to fit her out as a holiday training ship for boys. The response was enough to permit of her being repaired externally at Devonport. She is now

## OAK PANELING WILL BE STRIPPED

Historic Town House at Montgomery, Wales, to Be Demolished for Materials

WELSHPOOL, Wales, Dec. 7.—In spite of the offers by Sir Lord Powis and by an anonymous benefactor, Lymore, the seventeenth-century mansion of Lord Powis, at Montgomery, sold recently at auction for \$18,000.

It is understood it will be demolished in due course and most of its oak treasures will probably go to America. The purchaser was Frederick E. Anderson, an antique dealer, of Welshpool.

Before deciding to put it up for sale Lord Powis had offered the house as a free gift to the Crown if the Office of Works would repair it. They had declined the gift and hoped he would be able to dispose of the entire mansion in one lot, as it should appeal to people in search of a historic interior of magnificent proportions.

OFFER DECLINED

The auctioneer announced that it was thought that the sale would be cancelled, as a Hampshire gentleman, who wished to remain anonymous, promised the Office of Works or the National Trust the sum of

£50,000 if they would accept Lord Powis's gift. As it was estimated that restoration and preservation would cost at least \$100,000, this offer was also declined.

Many American buyers were present at the sale, but were mainly after the magnificent staircase and the paneling of individual rooms, the property having been catalogued in sixty-six lots if not sold as a whole.

The auctioneer asked Mr. Anderson, the purchaser, if he would refer some of the lots, as people had come from all parts of the country, and when he declined, disappointment was openly expressed. A big offer for the staircase, which was the property of the modern world, was refused.

The intending purchaser, it is understood, represented an American museum.

PANELLING VERY VALUABLE

Mr. Anderson afterwards said that much of the extremely valuable oak paneling and the staircase was likely to go to America. He had no commission to buy, he said, but hoped he would be able to dispose of the entire mansion in one lot, as it should appeal to people in search of a historic interior of magnificent proportions.

Lord Powis, the auctioneer announced, was far too upset to attend the sale. He had done more than most, he would have done to preserve the mansion and it was better to get the value of it than to let it fall into complete ruin.

It is too much for the endurance of the Whig family, and the influence of John Murray was largely responsible for the starting in 1809 of the rival Quarterly Review. A long line of capable editors, the last of whom was Mr. Harold Cox, carried on the dynasty of Sidney Smith and Jeffrey; and The Review itself was a constant reminder of those glorious days, hardly over at the period of its birth, when Edinburgh challenged London as the literary arbiter of Britain.

MANY CELEBRITIES OF ENGLAND LIVED IN BOND STREET

There is a lot to protect in Bond Street. Some of its assailants, particularly motor coaches and lorries which shake the foundations, was conveyed at the annual dinner of the Bond Street Association, which has protection as the reason for its existence.

But Prince Arthur of Connaught, the guest of honor, spoke more of the past than of the present. He reminded the company that at first Bond Street was a regular market street, Dean Swift lived for a while there; Laurence Sterne died at No. 41. The elder Pitt, Mrs. Delany, George Selwyn all lived there, and a host of others of famous names in art and literature.

By and by, however, shops were opened, inviting custom to their parlors by the discreet mystery of their curtained bow-fronted windows, and before long Bond Street became, what it had ever since been, the Mecca of the polite shopping world.

## Dudley Doesn't Any Longer Pay For Rats' Tails

"RATS," said the clerk to the Dudley Town Council, and the councillors bowed their heads in sorrow at the duplicity of their fellow townsmen. For some time past Dudley corporation has been paying twopenny each for rats' tails, but never again.

The official rat tail inspector, while making his annual stocktaking, was horrified to discover among his stock tails of all colors and sizes, brown tails, black tails, spotted tails, tails long, short, fat and skinny, with and without fur. "These," declared the rodents inspector passionately, "are not from Dudley rats." So inquiries were made, and it was found that more than half the rats' tails were spurious and not genuine Dudley specimens. Visitors to the town, it was discovered, were bringing their relatives parcels of rats' tails as presents.

From Birmingham, Wolverhampton and all parts of the Black Country people poured into the town to barter their wares with the corporation. Some people had even gone to the extent of breeding rats in order to kill them, and make money on their exterminations.

The council has now sadly withdrawn from the rat tail market. An official rat catcher has been appointed and his activities will be confined to the Dudley area.

## RAILINGS NOT REQUIRED

When distributing the prizes of the Marylebone Elementary Schools Athletic Association, London, Mr. George Lansbury said that he was in favor of pulling down the railings round Hyde Park. "I am a firm believer in taking down as many railings as possible," he said. "I think that if God intended to have railings round parks and open spaces He would have grown them and saved us the trouble of putting them up. I hope to see the day when every square in London will be free and open for the children to use."

## SOLVE PROBLEMS IN THEIR SLEEP

Somnambulism Comes to Aid of Puzzled Mathematical Student and Divine

In connection with the ter-jubilee of the birth of Rev. John McDonald—November 12, 1778—whom among his Celtic brethren earned for him the distinguishing title of "the Apostle of the North," it is of interest to remember, writes Mr. James Baird, F.S.A., Scot., that when he was at Aberdeen University he was without a rival in mathematics. His mathematical science, however, was illustrated by a curious instance of somnambulism. The professor of that subject was accustomed to receive questions near the end of the session the most difficult of his problems, and as only a few of his students could solve them the professor, by that time had usually dwindled to a fragment.

It was in a condition of that kind when McDonald found himself with only one class-fellow, and at the same time a problem which, after all attempts, he was unable to solve. He ultimately went to bed, leaving it unfinished—but what was his astonishment on waking next morning to find a correct solution lying before him in his own handwriting!

WORKED WHILE SLEEPING

He was informed by his college chum that he had risen during his sleep, worked industriously upon the paper, and returned to bed when the task was ended. He took the solution to the classroom, and the professor found it quite correct. Such fortunate freaks of intellect, while the physical powers are dormant, sometimes occur among the wonders of psychology.

A similar instance occurred to one of McDonald's own predecessors in the parish of Urquhart, this man being a habitual somnambulist. He had arranged to preach a public sermon at Inverness, but after useless study on the previous day he was at last obliged to go to bed without being able to find even a text. Not long after he fell asleep his wife saw him rise, light a candle, sit down at his desk, and write for a long time, after which he extinguished the candle and returned to bed.

MANUSCRIPT PRODUCED

In the morning he awoke, and when he again began to worry about his engagement and want of preparation for it his wife told him she could furnish him with both text and sermon. "That can be of no use to me," said the minister sadly. "If I did not myself select the subject and compose the sermon." "But you have done both," replied his wife—and with that she produced the manuscript he had written.

He read it and then said, "The text is suitable, and the skeleton is perhaps better than I could have written in my waking hours. However, I will not offer to the Lord that which cost me nothing." Rejecting the question, the conscientious man set off for Inverness, and on the way studied another subject, on which he preached with remarkable power.

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Brokers in London Held Frantic Conversations With New York When Slump Happened

## MESSAGES RUSHED ACROSS ATLANTIC

Bulls and Bears Sprang From Their Beds at Night to Answer Summons of Telephone Call

FRANTIC wireless telephone conversations, on which the fate of fortunes depended, more than doubled the traffic between London and New York during the recent slump on the New York Stock Exchange.

The three other circuits were working on the day on which more than 16,000,000 shares changed hands in Wall Street, almost without interruption throughout the twenty-four hours. Bulls, bears and brokers in London sprang from their beds at the summons of the bell which the fortunes they had amassed should prove to have vanished in the morning.

FORGET DIFFERENCE IN TIME

Many city men, forgetting in their haste the difference in time, called up their New York associates at 10 o'clock in the morning, only to be greeted by sleepy growls and complaints of being called from bed at 5 a.m.

Firms who had hitherto never used the transatlantic service found verbal conversations vitally important, for the few minutes required for the transmission of a cable price fluctuated wildly.

The service earned more than \$300 per hour for the post office during the crisis, and many who used it during those days of panic for the first time found its usefulness well worth the money.

It was difficult to realize (writes a press representative), as I watched three girls in the Banks exchange with the deft movements of their hands and the twinkling of the tiny lights which stud the switchboards, that for every second I stood there conversations costing shillings took place and that while I watched instructions involving millions of dollars were being exchanged through 3,000 miles of space.

## ACROSS THE OCEAN

I looked out at the dome of St. Paul's merging gradually with the darkening sky, and then I exchanged a greeting with the New York operator. "I am just off to lunch at the cafeteria," she said. It was not quite 1 o'clock when I wrote.

Increase in traffic with the United States has been no great feat as a new short-wave station is being erected by the post office to supplement the two short and one long wave stations now in use. This will mean that four separate conversations will be possible simultaneously throughout the twenty-four hours.

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# The Master Cheat of Monte Carlo

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First a Hold Up and a Crooked Game of Cards—A Strange Evening, but What Followed Was Stranger

TRESHOLM stood upon the topmost step of the Hotel de Paris at Monte Carlo, looking doubtfully out at a not very exhilarating prospect. A low-lying bank of clouds obscured the panoramic hills, the pavements were rain-splashed, there were little puddles in the road.

The chairs and tables at the Cafe de Paris opposite were piled up together. The commissionaire outside the Casino awaited arrivals with a huge umbrella already unfurled. The Senegalese head porter, standing by Tresholm's side, showed all his white teeth in a smile of expectancy.

"A day for the Casino, Monsieur," he murmured.

Tresholm gazed meditatively across the Place at the great stucco-fronted building, and the very fact of his hesitation seemed to create a little wave of excitement in his immediate neighborhood. The man who worked the lift to the underground passage held open the gates hopefully. A boy in buttons prepared for a dash across the Place to announce the coming event.

By intuition, or some invisible means, the rumor of this long-expected descent upon the stronghold of gambling began to spread. The chief maitre d'hotel of the restaurant, followed by two of his subordinates, strolled up as though casually to pay respects to an excellent client.

"A day to remain indoors, I fear, Monsieur," he ventured. "One might amuse oneself at the tables for a time."

Tresholm nodded absently. As yet he made no move. Several people in the lounge prepared to follow him if he should cross the square. A self-declared professional gambler who had been in Monte Carlo for at least a week, and had not once entered the gambling rooms! The thing was amazing.

This morning, however, what else could happen? There was the Casino, with its doors hospitably open, through which was passing all the time a little stream of the world in macintoshes. The thing seemed predestined.

And then a thin shaft of silver appeared from some partially hidden place and crept down from skywards. The grey puddles flashed like molten silver. The waiters from the Cafe de Paris came tentatively out and, after a look around, began to rearrange the chairs and tables.

The shaft of sunlight grew broader with the moments. Up in the sky a patch of blue was unexpectedly visible. The drops of rain, for one moment became diamonds, and then ceased. The clouds were parting like the drawing of a curtain in a theatre.

And then, unmistakably, sunshine—sunshine smiling down upon the Place as though to explain that those laden hours had been just a joke. The sun shone clearly, its tender warmth chasing all the damp out of the moist atmosphere. Monte Carlo was itself again. Tresholm threw away his cigarette.

"Good!" he exclaimed to his Senegalese friend in the blue uniform. "I shall go out to Cagnes and play golf."

The man tried to conceal his disappointment as he summoned the car. The lift attendant turned away in disgust. The maitre d'hotel followed his example. The expectant little crowd in the lounge resumed their places, and Tresholm stepped into his coupe and disappeared. Later in the day, it was to mean something to him that the sunshine should have appeared at that particular moment.

Tresholm put on his brakes, stopping the car at once, while his headlights disclosed the man standing in the middle of the road with uplifted arms. After a round of golf, he was in an excellent humor and prepared to play the good Samaritan to anyone. A broken-down car, perhaps? Someone desiring a lift? He leaned forward to scrutinize the man who had halted him.

"Monsieur will descend," a hoarse voice intoned.

Tresholm was utterly taken by surprise and uncertain, for the moment, how to act. With his hand upon the door of the car stood a person of most rufianly appearance, wearing a narrow black mask and holding an ugly-looking automatic. Not only that, but a second man had appeared out of the shadows and was hanging on the other door.

It is probable that, if Tresholm had not been dreaming and required several seconds to realize the position, his impulse to make a dash for it would have been successful. As it was, however, the opportunity had passed. His first assailant had him at his mercy, and the man who had clambered up behind was in a position to deal him a nasty blow on the top of his head.

Tresholm reflected. He had little money with him, and he was unarmed. Discretion was certainly indicated. He held up his hands.

"I will descend," he agreed, "if you will wait while I draw to the side of the road."

"Vite!" was the harsh command.

Tresholm had every intention of keeping his word, but there was a most unexpected change in the situation. A flashlight illuminated the road. There was the report of a gun from behind, followed by another. The man who had accosted him dashed for the wood from which he had issued, followed by his companion, and the third, who had clambered into the coupe, leaped out and went down the ravine on the other side like a scared rabbit.

Tresholm descended to find them all disappeared, and the *deus ex machina* small two-seated car with dazzling headlights, which had evidently just turned the corner. In the middle of the road stood the slim figure of a woman, with a pistol in her hand.

She nodded and beckoned him to her. He obeyed the summons, hat in hand. The twilight was merging into night, but the moon had scarcely yet risen. He saw her only indistinctly, but he gathered she was young, and, to all appearances, French.

"Mademoiselle," he said, "I am grateful for your arrival."

"One is foolish to travel along this road at night without being prepared for trouble," she remarked. "Monsieur is probably a tourist, or he would have known that."

"It is true," he admitted.

"You are hurt?"

"Not a scratch."

"Or robbed?"

"Neither, thanks to you, Mademoiselle." She glanced at him for a moment intently, almost, he thought, inquisitively. He saw now that her eyes were dark and her features regular. She was sufficiently good-looking, but her appearance was spoiled by a lowering, almost sullen expression. She seemed to resent his presence, to resent having been under the necessity of offering aid. Her voice only was pleasant.

"Monsieur speaks French so well," she said coldly, "that I am in doubt as to his nationality."

"I am English. My name is Tresholm, and I am staying at the Hotel de Paris."

"You are the eccentric," she asked, "who registered here as a professional gambler?"

"My little joke," he apologized.

"Nevertheless," she went on, "you must have had some reason for what you did. You gamble at times, yes?"

"Now and then," he admitted.

"Piquet, perhaps?"

For a moment, Tresholm was oppressed with a sense of unreality. An attack by footpads in the centre of civilization, a deliverer so unexpected, and a question so apparently pointless!

What on earth could it matter to her or to anyone whether or not he played a somewhat neglected game? His companion appeared to realize his bewilderment; she stamped her foot and frowned at him impatiently.

"Please do not think that I am a crazy woman," she begged. "I have a reason for asking you such a question. Now will you please listen to me. You are Mr. Tresholm. Very well. You will admit that I have been of some service to you."

"A service for which I am greatly obliged," he assured her. "I should certainly have lost my temper and my money, if nothing else, but for your opportune arrival."

"Well, you shall do something for me in return," she said, still without the vestige of a smile, or any note of graciousness in her tone. "You will do me the favor of accompanying me to the villa where I live, which is near here, and taking either a whisky and soda or a cocktail before you proceed."

"I shall be delighted," he acquiesced.

She stepped back into her car and took her place at the wheel. "Will you follow me, please?" she asked. "I would ask you to drive with me, but I see that you have no chauffeur."

The two-seated car moved slowly on, with Tresholm behind. Just before reaching the outskirts of Monaco, the girl extended her hand, and they turned down one of the narrow roads which connect the Lower and Upper Corniche. After a few hundred yards' descent her hand went out again, and she turned between two broken-down gates, along an ill-kempt, cypress-bordered drive, until they reached a deserted-looking villa. The facade was weather-stained and shabby. Its rows of windows were like great staring eyes, uncurtained; the gardens were desolate; the whole place had an unkempt and forsaken appearance.

The girl descended from her car, and in obedience to her gesture, Tresholm followed her into an ill-furnished room upon the ground floor.

"A quarter to seven," she murmured, as though to herself. "Monsieur Tresholm, it is very kind of you to pay me this little visit."

"If I can be of any service," he ventured, more than ever puzzled.

"You may be," she answered. "I cannot tell. It depends upon what manner of man you are."

She looked at him for a moment, and then she turned away.

She placed a bottle of whisky, a siphon and a glass upon the table.

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He shook his head. "I must confess my ignorance."

"Well, they talk about us sometimes," she remarked—"not very favorably. This is supposed to be a place to avoid. I live here with my father. He is supposed to be a man with whom you should have nothing to do. You are sure that you have not heard of us?"

"Quite sure, Mademoiselle."

"My name is Brignolles—Lucie Brignolles."

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"I have heard every word," he assured her. She looked across at him gloomily. He thought that he never had seen a more sullen expression in his life. Even the beauty of her eyes was marred.

"My father has ill health," she went on. "He cannot live very long. He has only one passion, and that is to play cards and to rob anyone who plays with him. I have to tell you this, but I am his daughter, and my sympathies are entirely with him as against any fool whose money he can take. I have been to Nice to try to find someone to come and play piquet. He is quite inviolable at piquet. He can win just as much money as his opponent chooses to play for. Will you play with him?"

"Certainly I will," Tresholm accepted, with

"What points do you care to play, sir?" the old man asked.

"I am in your hands," Tresholm replied.

"Would twenty-franc points seem too much?"

"I could manage that," Tresholm agreed. "I should warn you, sir, that, although I have not played lately, I am supposed to be rather good."

The old man looked across at him without expression in his face.

"There is no one in the world," he said, "who can beat me at piquet."

They cut for deal. Monsieur Brignolles won.

"It is permitted to smoke?" Tresholm asked.

"By all means," the girl acquiesced, "so long as you have your own cigarettes. We have nothing. We have just that bottle of whisky

and some soda water. In case we can find any one foolish enough to come and play."

"And your father?"

She shook her head. "He neither drinks nor smokes," she confessed. "His state of health does not permit it."

Whatever Monsieur Brignolles' state of health may have been, his mentality, Tresholm decided, after the first few games, remained unimpaired. He discarded with brilliant intuition, and he played his cards unerringly.

Tresholm for the first time found himself outclassed. He lost with better hands; he lost heavily with hands of equal value. Each time his opponent drew as though inspired. The last card was scarcely played before he was preparing for the next hand. It was as though he played for a great stake, and against the clock. The girl did the scoring, and every time she passed the sheet to Tresholm for his inspection, she did so with a half-malicious, half-triumphant smile.

"You must say when you would like to leave off, Mr. Tresholm," she remarked once.

"Mr. Tresholm must have his revenge," her father squeaked hastily. "It is not for you to interfere."

"I can tell you one thing, Mademoiselle Brignolles," Tresholm confided. "Your father is not only the finest piquet player whom I have ever encountered, but I can assure you that he is also the finest player in the world. I have never seen such intuition. One could imagine that he might be one of those rare people in the world who can see through the back of the cards."

The girl shot one malign glance at him and did not speak again until the next game was finished. Tresholm glanced at his watch.

"You are afraid of being late for your dinner?" she asked, with a note of sarcasm.

"Not in the least," he assured her. "I only looked at my watch to be certain that I should not be. If I leave here in another half-hour, that will suit me admirably."

"If you are sure you can afford it," she mocked. "Prosperity has come to the house. I see that you already own nineteen millions."

"I must economize in other directions," Tresholm replied. "At any rate, I am having a wonderful lesson at the game."

They played on in silence. The old man shivered every now and then, as though affected by an ague, but the cards left his fingers with uncanny precision.

In the intervals between the deals, Tresholm ventured to glance around, and it seemed to him that he never before had sat in such a terrible room. The color wash was peeling off the walls. There was dust upon the frames of the few hideous pictures. There was not a whole article of furniture in the room. To make matters more uncomfortable, there was a fire of huge logs burning upon the hearth, and not a single window open, but, although Tresholm felt his cheeks burn and his forehead become damp, his host's face never changed in its waxen pallor. A sudden vigorous distaste for his surroundings, the ugliness of it all, the terrible old man, the sullen girl, got on Tresholm's nerves. He began to make mistakes in playing his cards and suffered for them severely. The girl smiled maliciously.

"Only ten minutes longer," she consoled him. "How glad you will be to go. Never mind, worse might have happened, if I had left you to the robbers on the hill."

"The game is very interesting," Tresholm assured her, speaking with an attempt at lightness. "I am outclassed, but so would anyone else be."

She shivered palpably. Her father's long,

nervous fingers were toying with the cards which remained in the little pack. He drew them out, one by one, glanced back at his own hand and hesitated. Finally he discarded, throwing three cards only, instead of five, to which he was entitled. Tresholm, when the last card fell upon the table, had lost more than in any previous game.

The girl began to add up the scores. Her father looked over her shoulder, checking the totals. When she had finished, she looked at them in dismay.

"Do you know how much you have lost, Mr. Tresholm?" she asked.

"Quite a good deal, I am afraid," he replied.

"You have lost thirty-one thousand francs," she announced.

"As much as that?" he rejoined coolly.



In the Middle of the Road Stood the Slim Figure of a Woman, With a Pistol in Her Hand.



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"Have you the money in your pocket?" the old man asked, with a note of nervous harshness quivering in his voice. "If not, my daughter had better return to the hotel with you."

"I never carry more than a few milles," Tresholm replied. "I have my checkbook."

"Where do you bank?" Brignolles asked.

"Here in Monte Carlo."

The old man's face cleared. "If you have not the money, I must take a check then," he grumbled. "Lucie, fetch pen and ink."

She placed writing materials upon the table, and Tresholm wrote out a check. While he was filling in the counterfoil, he was conscious of someone looking over his shoulder. He turned round and met the old man's greedy eyes.

"But what a balance!" the latter declared breathlessly. "You are a rich man, Mr. Tresholm!"

"I have enough for my needs," was the quiet reply.

The girl threw open the door. "What does it matter to us whether Mr. Tresholm is rich or not?" she demanded. "He has enough to pay his debt."

"His debt?" Tresholm murmured.

She looked at him with challenge in her eyes. The old man shuffled across to the cupboard and took out a glass and a bottle. The girl swung around.

"Come this way," she enjoined. "I will see you out."

They passed down the wretched little hall, and she opened the front door.

"Well," Tresholm said, "many thanks for saving me from the bandits."

"Nothing to thank me for," she rejoined curtly. "You paid, all right."

She closed the door, and Tresholm drove away from the place with an infinite sense of relief. The girl returned wearily to the shabby little room. Before she reached the door, she heard her father calling her. He was standing at the table with a pack of cards in his hand.

"Lucie," he cried, "where is the other pack?"

She shrugged her shoulders. "I do not know," she answered.

"It is gone!" the old man shrieked. "Do you suppose—?"

She searched the table, turned the box upside down, looked everywhere feverishly. Then they faced one another—father and daughter.

"He has taken it away!" the former groaned. "Stop him, Lucie!"

She listened to the sound of Tresholm's horn as he turned from the avenue into the road.

"Too late!" she muttered. "You may as well tear up the check, Father."

At eleven o'clock on the following morning, the girl stood in the road below the bank and watched the great doors roll slowly back. She looked in her bag. The check was safely there. She closed it, turned her back upon the Boulevard des Moulins and slowly entered the gardens. She chose a secluded seat and sat there in what seemed to be a sort of apathetic stupor. After some time she rose, left the gardens by the lower exit, and looked up at the Casino clock. It was exactly eleven.

She crossed the road, sat down at one of the tables outside the Cafe de Paris, and ordered a cup of coffee. At half past eleven she paid for her coffee and mounted the hill. At five-and-twenty minutes to twelve she crossed the portals of the bank. She made her way to the nearest cashier's window, unfurnished her bag, and produced the check. As she handed it across, she felt her heart give a great throb. For a single moment the man's face before her was blurred; everything in the bank was hazy. Then she came to. She was herself again. Even

the sullen expression had returned. She was like any ordinary customer waiting for her money.

"Would like any small change, Madam?" the cashier asked.

"A little, please," she answered, not too steadily.

He glanced at the check once more. Then he counted rapidly through three packets of ten-mille notes pinned together, pushed them across the counter, and added a mille in hundreds and fifties. The girl stuffed them into her bag. She walked a little uncertainly toward the door. Then she came face to face with Tresholm, who was talking to the bank manager. She gave one little gasp, but recovered swiftly. She was passing on when he stopped her.

"How do you do, Mademoiselle," he said. "I hope you found that I had enough money to meet your father's check?"

The bank manager laughed. An excellent joke. The girl looked at Tresholm, and, for a moment, he was startled. There was a curious new quality in her eyes.

"Could I speak to you for a moment?" she asked.

"Certainly," he acquiesced.

He opened the door for her and nodded his farewell to the manager. She led the way across the road to the gardens.

"How is your father this morning?" Tresholm asked politely.

"He is well as he is likely to be," was the toneless answer. "Do you mind sitting down here? I wish to ask you a question."

He seated himself by her side, immaculate in his white flannels, his poncee coat and the carnation in his buttonhole. In the rather pitiless sunlight, the shabbiness of her own clothes, well-cut though they were, was a little pathetic.

"I want to know why you did not stop payment of that check," she demanded.

"Stop payment of the check?" he repeated. "But why should I? I lost the money."

"Yes, you lost the money," she agreed, "but—"

"If you thought I was going to stop payment of it," she asked, "why weren't you here on the steps at ten o'clock this morning?"

"I was," she confessed. "That was what I was supposed to do—to cash it as soon as the doors were opened. I thought I would give you a chance, though. I waited."

"Very sporting of you!" he murmured. "Anyhow, I never meant to stop it."

"Why not?" she persisted. "You know that you were cheated; you know that my father was playing with marked cards. You even brought them away with you—as evidence!"

"My dear young lady!" he expostulated. "You haven't your facts correctly, and you seem to have an entirely wrong view of the situation. It is true that I brought away a pack of your father's cards last night, but that was simply because I thought he was better without them. Besides, didn't I own up to being a professional gambler? I am always interested in the attentiveness of my profession."

"I do not believe that you are a professional gambler at all," she declared, with a sudden flame of anger in her face and tone.

"But I can assure you that I am," he pleaded earnestly. "Everyone who comes to Monte Carlo and signs his papers at a hotel has to have a profession. That is mine. Now, I don't want to seem unbecomingly, he went on, "but don't you think you ought to be getting home? Your father will be uneasy."

She opened her bag and dashed the little pile of notes upon the ground between them.

"You knew you were being cheated!" she cried passionately. "You knew that you had no chance. You lost that money on purpose. It was charity."

"Young lady, it was nothing of the sort," he insisted. "I thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Your father's skill at the game, to begin with, is phenomenal; his technique in those other matters was also amazing."

"Be quiet, will you!" she sobbed. "One has to suffer enough without such gibes."

"Now please be reasonable," he begged. "I assure you—"

"Then, for a moment, he broke off and affected to be busy lighting a cigarette. When he was prepared to resume the conversation, the young woman's breathing was a little more normal, and she had disposed of her handkerchief.

Within a few feet of them, the uniformed garden attendant was standing. His eyes were glued on the packet of notes.

"Quelle chose est tombée, monsieur," he pointed out.

Tresholm peered at the notes through his eye-glass. "Ca n'est pas a moi," he declared with a little gesture of abnegation.

The man turned to the girl. "A mademoiselle, peut-être?" he suggested, pointing to the money.

"Ca ne m'appartient pas," she echoed.

# Enter the Nuptitian! Why Not?

By MERRILL DENISON

I CAME across my friend Bert the other morning in his favorite eat-easy busily evolving a new scheme of social betterment, to which, at the moment, he proposed to devote his life.

"Denison," he said, the moment I reached him, "I have a great idea! I have discovered a new profession. I am going to become a nuptitian."

"A what, Bert?"

"A nuptitian. You never heard of one because I just invented it following the ordeal of assisting a distant cousin get married. It has been an illuminating and disheartening experience. I had no idea before of the suffering that ensues between plighting the troth in the moonlight and leaving the church with the press cameras. Denison," Bert spoke solemnly. "Do you know anything about weddings? Six-bridegrooms—carpeted—morning-coat—gardens—house-and-church weddings?"

I admitted truthfully that I had assisted at but one wedding and on that occasion was too interested in the central characters to cast much of a reportorial eye on the ensemble.

"No," agreed Bert. "The only place to see a wedding is from the outer fringes. To get the complete picture you should be a distant relative of the bride. In my capacity as messenger boy, taxi driver and emergency fixer I had an ideal position from which to see everything."

"But what is a nuptitian, Bert?"

"Surely it's obvious enough. If we had dietitians to feed us and morticians to bury us, why not nuptitians to marry us? We certainly need 'em. Do you realize, my lad, that the wedding remains the sole lone social activity to be conducted entirely by amateurs? It is the one human ceremonial ungilded by professionals. The single institution unimproved by efficiency."

"Furthermore, neither a technique nor expert knowledge of the difficult art has ever been developed or codified. Even if anyone involved in a wedding thought she could with a little information, which is incredible, there is no one from whom she might seek it. The unmarried don't know, and the married are too glad to let the past bury its dead."

"The trouble with the whole business is contained in that innocent phrase 'arranging the details.' In arranging the details the bride, the groom, the bride's parents, the groom's mother, most of the relations and many of the close personal friends become involved in a running strife, a sort of bitter guerrilla warfare of personal wishes, which would bring about shattered homes, broken friendships and disrupted families were it not that the wedding does eventually occur, in spite of everything, and allows the bride to leave the scene of her girlhood friendships for a few weeks at least."

Bert was warning to his subject. After completing this splendid sentence he fastened me with a glittering eye and the wrong end of a moderately chewed pencil lest I make any attempt to interfere.

"The arranging of the details leads at once to differences of opinion. The bigger the family involved, the more the details and the greater the differences of opinion. The quality of the opinions means nothing, their sheer bulk soon becomes insupportable."

## A Battle Nobody Ever Wins

"THE strife may begin at any moment following the engagement. I have known it to begin some time before. In such cases the potential groom is the basis of discussion. The would-be bride may or may not win this initial bout, but she usually does because without a groom there can be no wedding, and the wedding after all is the important thing, although I found it hard to believe during the trying weeks that followed."

"Having decided upon the groom, the next difference of opinion is over the date of the wedding. You have no idea, Denison, what hard feelings this difficult point may lead to. Let enough people help choose the day for the wedding and not one single suitable day can be found in the entire calendar."

"Each month in turn is found undesirable either because of the weather or lack of it, the moon's phases, the signs of the Zodiac, the groom's birthday, a rhyme in a little red book called 'When Were You Born?' or because Aunt Amelia was married in March and always regretted it."

"In desperation the bride turns on all those who love her and are only warning her for her own good and cries:

"After all, it is 'my' wedding."

"The point is never decided without a battle. It is never really won by anyone. Up till the moment when the last ice cream tub is thrown in the caterer's wagon, it is in dispute."

"The bride having proclaimed whose wedding it is, any number of unpleasant things may happen. The bride's mother may state that no daughter of hers will ever be married in the particular month the bride has chosen to get married in. The bride's mother then leaves the room and closes her own door. The bride's eldest sister now rises, and with a dirty look at the bride, follows the mother. Sister rejoins the conference a few minutes later with the simple remark, 'Mother is crying.'"

"After an hour or two of unqualified misery, either the bride or the bride's mother cedes the point. It doesn't matter in the least which. No one is made any happier by the surrender. The victor is never allowed to forget that for every victim of prenuptial brawl another martyr is born."

"If it is not the bride's mother who objects to the chosen day, then someone else will. Maybe Aunt Amelia. Mortally offended that her own unfortunate experience has carried no weight, she may leave the house on the grounds that her wisdom is of no value and that she is not wanted anyway. This two or three unpleasant days are evolved, because before going further Aunt Amelia must be won back."

"At last a month is chosen. For a quivering instant there is peace. The armistice is rent asunder choosing another day. Days are found as objectionable as months. No one in her senses would ever marry on a Friday. Sunday is out of the question. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are all too near the middle of the week. Monday is thought to be rather near Sunday and the same criticism is made of Saturday."

"There are not many days left on which the



The Bride Announces That She Will Be Married on Friday, the Thirteenth.

marriage can take place, nor may the harassed bride split the difference and get married at midnight. Three more lachrymose days are consumed when the bride, again in desperation, announces that she will be married on Friday the thirteenth. This information is conveyed to the groom, who wallows.

"Next comes the question—what kind of a wedding is it going to be? There are only three kinds of weddings to choose from: runaway weddings, simple weddings and expensive weddings."

"The conference devoted to arranging the details now reform breaking up speedily into smaller conference but with entirely new alignments than those prevailing during the date discussion. The kind of wedding now being of major importance, days and even weeks are consumed before it is settled upon to the dissatisfaction of the groups. During this period, little knots of serious disputants may be found lurking behind bedroom doors, in the dark corners of upper halls and at times in the cellar. None of the little knots is on speaking terms with any of the other little knots."

## Bride's Raising Cry Fails

"THE bride wants a simple wedding or says she does. Mother wants a wedding fitting her daughter's position or this is the reason she gives. Father and the groom wished they had both run away. Long before the unsatisfactory compromise is reached, the home atmosphere has become strained and disjointed. Meals are heaped in relays. The family speaks spasmodically at all. Mangled half-lengths of unlighted cigars are found in father's study. In a waste paper basket in his dressing-room is discovered the starched portion of a dress and dismembered from its softer bulwarks."

"The bride and her mother are now threatened with a nervous breakdown. Although each uses her best talents to induce this happy solution in the other never succeed, for it is a period noted for its capacity to arouse human fortitude."

"Someone at last makes a sacrifice and gives in. A compromise is reached. It is to be an expensive wedding. To groom and the bride's father are informed. Both swallow."

"The family momentarily reunited, it is now the turn of the sacrifice to bring up some new question. This requires no inventive genius. There is, for instance, the matter of the wedding invitations to date. The wedding invitations are of tremendous importance, for what would people think if they were not right."

"There are three and three types to choose from—Gothic, Roman and script. This provides for some twenty-four differences of opinion. There are also three different ways to word a wedding invitation, which makes it impossible to lose a coin."

"This point is invariably decided by the last loser winning. A headstrong bride may, however, point out that her 'her' wedding and force her mother into her room for a cry. In either case both lose."

"With the launching of the invitations, the relative harmony that has prevailed up to now, is at an end. From now till the late hours of the happy day, the bride's home is a battlefield, frank and unashamed."

"Any woman's choice of clothes brings on a discussion; a bride's choice of a wedding dress brings on a duel. And then is her great-grandmother's wedding veil. The bride may loathe wedding veils, but that takes no difference. Aunt Amelia tells how immodest brides of eighty-nine years have veiled to the altar with her face draped like a faded-fashioned parlor window. Josephine, the bride's eldest sister's best friend, hears this and appears with a copy of The Tatler in which she features of the Stokes-Poore Winkley-Bromley leaving the house Chapel, Westminster, London, E.C. 4, 8, or 6, is shown. The bride is less and the fight is on."

"It never ceases from then on. The bride's rallying cry that it is her wedding doesn't take a trick. Her mother vows to be bullied. The fight may slacken during the short hours

of the night when the bride is grabbing some exhausted slumber, but it never comes to a dead halt. If the battle seems to weaken on one front it breaks out with renewed venom on another. When all else fails, a certain subject is resolved, that the bride is not getting enough sleep. The resolution is always couched in the negative."

## Mother Carries One Point

"BY now the round of luncheon, tea and showers for the bride, and dinners and theatres for the happy couple, have been growing more and more frequent until one party crowds on the heels of its predecessor. Between

parties, the bride is expected to try on hats, gowns, and handbags, open and acknowledge wedding presents, and help the family plan the exact details of the wedding ceremony and the wedding reception."

"Although the bride's wishes are universally ignored, a strong convention exists that she make them known. So commences the last, and most frightful period in the prenuptial strife. Momentous decisions are made and changed hourly. The convention that more guests be invited to the reception than the house will hold is rigorously obeyed. The house must be cleared of furniture, and the wedding presents displayed."

## Old Mysteries Concerning Cleopatra Now Being Revived

THE Paris daily L'Intransigeant is authority for the announcement that the remains of Cleopatra are to be laid to rest with impressive ceremony in the gardens of the French National Library on the Rue Vivienne. It is further said, for the benefit of those who have forgotten the circumstances, that the mummy of the Egyptian queen was brought to France after the unhappy Egyptian campaign of Napoleon and that until 1870 it was kept in one of the rooms of the library."

In that year the French, fearful of losing the treasure to German conquerors, hid it in a cellar. But the dampness, it appears, had a deleterious effect upon it, and the mummy was forthwith transported to the library garden and buried. L'Intransigeant says that eminent Egyptologists have examined the mummy with its inscriptions and pronounce it authentic. There are, however, still the doubters."

Controversy over Cleopatra has raged for centuries. It began, no doubt, when, as legend has it, she was carried into the presence of Julius Caesar wrapped in a blanket of many colors. Whether her nose was short or long, her love for Mark Antony the result of political ambition or human frailty, her death intentional or accidental, are questions over which historians disagree. And now all the disputes are again brought forth. What manner of woman and queen was Cleopatra and why she chose a snake instead of a dagger to end her life—if she really did—were among disputed questions that will probably remain unsettled to the end of time."

## Good Looking, Clever, Witty

THERE are as many conflicting accounts of her escapes as there are conflicting likenesses of her on early coins and bas-reliefs. Bernard Shaw in his play makes her a bad-mannered flapper. A bronze medal of ancient Syracuse pictures her as a homely middle-aged woman with a big nose. She was neither, according to students who have rummaged through dusty archives and who have translated hieroglyphics on tombs and temples. Cleopatra, they say, was good-looking and witty, a clever woman of the world. A daughter of the Ptolemies, she began her queenly reign at the age of seventeen and did not relinquish it until, when she was thirty-nine, the sting of

an asp, reputedly, ended her life. When Julius Caesar arrived in Egypt, Cleopatra was still a young girl sharing the throne of her fathers with an older brother. The Roman fell in love with her, and it is said that she returned his love. Thereupon Caesar placed his armies at her command and helped to subjugate the enemies who worried her. He did not appear concerned when it reached his ears that his sweetheart had poisoned one of her own brothers. War and intrigue were a grim business in 50 B.C., and Cleopatra was early recognized as a woman of strength and resourcefulness. For these qualities she was heartily hated by the Romans. She lived in Rome for a while as Caesar's mistress."

## Professor Is Tried for Heresy

BY seventeen votes to four, the Rev. Professor Du Plessis, of South Africa, has been acquitted on all the four charges of heresy brought against him. The clergy voted solidly for him, the minority being composed of elders with ultra-orthodox views."

Dr. Du Plessis' conciliatory attitude is unlikely, however, to appease the "fundamentalists" who, taking the church as a whole, both clergy and laity, constitute the large majority. The training of clergy for the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa exclusively was started many years ago with the express object of keeping out all latitudinarian ideas. It has been a great shock to orthodoxy to discover that the students at the Stellenbosch Theological Seminary are attracted by "modernist" ideas."

The governing body of the seminary, who instituted the prosecution of Professor Du Plessis, are strongly determined to exhaust every possible means of preventing that gentleman from continuing to teach at the seminary."

Professor Du Plessis, who holds a high position at Stellenbosch Theological Seminary, where candidates for the ministry of the Dutch Reformed Church are trained, was indicted for heresy on four charges:

"Where will the furniture be placed, and where the wedding presents? Aunt Amelia is placed in charge of the furniture, and Aunt Dahlia in charge of the wedding presents. As an added burden, both are helped by the bride's mother. No one likes the way Amelia moves the furniture. The bride is most unreasonable when she discovers that Amelia has put all the dining-room furniture in the bedroom in which she is to change into her traveling clothes. The bride is particularly unreasonable about the Chesterfield, which has been placed on her bed."

"Where else is there to put it?" asks Amelia. "Dahlia in arranging the wedding presents, arouses universal disapproval. With naive enthusiasm, she has put out the wedding presents in the order of their importance as presented without regard to the significance of the donor."

"So the happy days speed by. A morning is spent over the important matter of placing the table for refreshments. Shall it be put across the pantry door where the service is convenient and the light poor, or shall it be put in front of the windows where the light is excellent and the service is atrocious? It is a big question and the light wins."

"Then there is always the punch. The bride's mother, naturally, is insistent that the party shall be nice, and is all for four gallons of aerated water, a quart of grapejuice, and two cucumbers sliced thinly. For once there is no argument. Mother wins. The bride's brothers

## Meeting With Mark Antony

MANY versions there are of Cleopatra's first meeting with Mark Antony, the hero of her life. But of this historic event, the scholar Plutarch has written that which the world pleases to accept."

"She was sailing tranquilly along the Cydnus, on a barge with a golden stern with sails of purple and oars of silver, and the dip of the oars was rhythmed to the sound of flutes blending with music of lyres. She herself, the queen, wondrously clad as Venus is pictured, was lying under an awning gold-embroidered. Boys dressed as cupids stood at her side, gently waving fans to refresh her; her maidens,

tell her not to worry and mix the punch down in the laundry tubs after a secret recipe."

"While these pleasurable details have been wrecking the bride's home, the groom and his best man have placed great strains on their friendship, and the male guests and ushers have been busy borrowing morning coats. The wrong railway tickets have been bought and changed, reservations made and cancelled, the secret destination of the bridal car broadcast far and wide."

## How New Profession Will Help

"THE morning of the wedding arrives. There is a last-minute fight over the details of the wedding procession, and who will make the toast to the bride. The bride loses. The morning is spent in dressing the bride in her house, and dressing the groom in his."

"Early in the afternoon the opposing fleets meet at the church door, the bride marches up the long red carpet from the chancel to her waiting mate. She leans on the arm of her father, or whoever may be giving her away. She has to. She could never make it alone. All the people in the church say to each other after the bride has passed, 'How spiritual she looked, my dear!'"

"Is it any wonder? It's a miracle she's not dead."

"Denison," said Bert, after a sombre pause, "I have given you a true, unvarnished account of a typical wedding. What do you think of it?"

"It sounds deplorable, Bert. Something ought to be done about it."

"I knew you would agree with me," said Bert. "And I am the man to do it with my new profession. You will see the day, my boy, when chairs of nuptology will be founded in our great universities."

"You have noticed that all the trouble arises out of arranging the details."

"The nuptitian will make all arrangements, issue all invitations, display all wedding presents, preside at all conferences, settle all disputes, accept all insults, move all the furniture, handle all publicity, save all wounded feelings, mix all the punches and, in short, arrange the details."

"My fees will be based on a sliding scale determined by the number and closeness of the bride's relatives. The closer the relative the higher the fee. Starting with a minimum of \$100 for running the prenuptials of two friendless orphans, \$350 up will be added for the bride's mother, \$250 for all other parents. Uncles and aunts from \$150 to \$200. Bride's sisters \$100 to \$150. Friends and outlying cousins, \$25."

"The charges, it will be seen, would be based on the varying degrees of helpfulness the nuptitian is apt to encounter in the discharge of his duties. In self protection, he should reserve the right to increase the charge where any relative proved unreasonably helpful. The client, on the other hand, would receive a rebate whenever illness confined a near relative to bed."

Bert stopped. I could see that the gigantic profits to be made had temporarily overwhelmed him. "Denison," he exclaimed, "This is too big a job for one man. Join me! Let's found the Barker-Denison Nuptiologistical Institute and make a killing."

"No, Bert," I made a reply. "I helped you with several things; I joined your Excavation and Amusement Corporation, and I had the first option for stock in The Barker Noise Maker and Police Help. What came of them? Nothing. Nothing will come of this."

"This was an entirely new idea to Bert. He studied me for some time, thinking it over. Then he slipped ten cents under the edge of his saucer. 'I guess you're right,' he said. 'But it's certainly a great idea.'"

every one beautiful and clad as a Nalad or a Grace, directed the boat, some at the rudder, others at the ropes. Both banks of the stream were sweet with the perfumes burning on the vessel."

One of the most frequently reproduced paintings of Cleopatra shows her amid the trappings described by Plutarch. In front of the brunette beauty stands Mark Antony apparently spell-bound 'by the charm that entered into men's very souls.' The subjugation of the Roman general by the Nile queen and his dalliance among the lotus flowers while his armies waited to continue their conquest of Persia and other Eastern lands are as old as the history of books."

## The Master Cheat of Monte Carlo

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nothing. She was suddenly very white. In her eyes was vacancy, and yet, when he ventured to look toward her, was it his fancy, or were there unfathomable depths of wistfulness lurking there?"

"Mademoiselle," he said gently, "why make the world a gloomier place than it is? It should be a place, you know, where human beings take pleasure in helping one another and in receiving help. The fates have made me, through no merit of my own, a very rich man. I have few pleasures. One you can give me by picking up that bag and shaking hands with me and mentioning no more that ugly word 'charity,' because, after all, remember that is a phrase ill-used by all of us. You permit?"

Almost before she knew what was happening, he had risen to his feet. He raised her fingers to his lips—very well-shaped and carefully tended, he saw they were—and, with a little smile of farewell, he passed on. The girl remained in her place, her eyes following his departing figure, the bag clasped tightly in her hands."

# A Page Mainly About People

## Premier Ferguson's Ready Wit Came From Mother

PEOPLE who do not know Premier Howard Ferguson of Ontario intimately, wonder where he got the political intuition which has enabled him to emerge victorious from three general elections. There is a tendency to rank him as one of the most remarkable of the many remarkable self-made men in the Dominion.

Howard Ferguson springs from a race of public men. His father, Dr. Charles Ferguson, was a Conservative member of the House of Commons for more than a generation, and while he never attained cabinet rank, he was prominent in the councils of the party for the score of years preceding the downfall of Conservatism in 1896. But while Dr. Ferguson was the member of Parliament, it was his Irish wife who won the elections.

Some of her exploits are without parallel in the political history of Canada. In 1891, when the Conservative party, after twelve years in office, was rallying its broken and divided ranks at the call of the aged chieftain—Sir John A. Macdonald—Dr. Ferguson met with the first major reversal of his career. There was a good deal of dissatisfaction among the electors of Leeds and Grenville North and when the Conservative convention for the riding was called, the result was that Dr. Ferguson, the sitting member, failed to get the nomination.

It is said that Dr. Ferguson was ready to accept his defeat as the end of his political career and retire to his home in Kemptville.

He had many family responsibilities which demanded attention. His son, Howard, was a student at Osgoode Hall and must soon be launched in legal practice. But Mrs. Ferguson would not agree to such a course and so the name of Ferguson once more was placed before the people, as an independent Conservative candidate.

As the campaign progressed it became increasingly evident that the tide of public favor

was running strongly in favor of the official candidate. Dr. Ferguson's defeat seemed inevitable.

On election day, however, as the voters trooped to the polling booths, their eyes were attracted by an unusual notice which was pinned at the entrance of each booth. It read: "To the Conservatives of Leeds and Grenville North: I respectfully request your support for my old friend Dr. Charles Ferguson." (Signed) "John A. Macdonald."

When the polls were closed and the ballots counted, it was found that Ferguson had been elected by a majority of 146 votes over both his opponents.

But the matter did not rest there. The official Conservative candidate, enraged at what he believed to be the unwarranted interference of his party leader, took the next train to Ottawa, waited upon Sir John and vented his feelings in no uncertain terms. Sir John was astounded: he denied having addressed any message to the electors of the constituency; and undertook to find out immediately and to punish the parties who had forged his name for the purpose of undoing an official candidate of the party.

The truth was not known until Mrs. Ferguson heard of the storm which was brewing in high places. She promptly went to Ottawa, taking with her the original copy of the letter which had caused the trouble. The document was produced.

"Who signed this letter?" asked the party leader.

"John A. Macdonald," was the answer.

"I never wrote that signature," thundered Sir John.

"Of course not. That is the signature of John A. Macdonald, our blacksmith in Kemptville and a very old friend of ours."

Sir John was dissolved in laughter: the official Tory candidate could get no solace.

## A Man of Many Parts Is This Sailors' Friend



W. H. ATHERTON, L.L.D., Ph.D.

THE ships are bidding farewell to the port of Montreal for another season, but before they go most of the sailormen find their way to say good-bye to an elderly, grey-moustached man, whose merry eyes twinkle good-humoredly behind his spectacles, and who may be seen almost any afternoon and evening in the Catholic Sailor's Institute down by the riverfront.

This is William H. Atherton, L.L.D., Ph.D., known to sailors on the seven seas as "the Doctor."

A man of many parts is Dr. Atherton. First, he is Professor of English and English literature, and English Professor of Canadian History at the University of Montreal. Secondly, he is a man of an antiquarian turn of mind and probably knows more about the topography of Montreal than any other. His "History of Montreal" in three great volumes is recognized as the standard work on the subject. Thirdly, he is an authority on the life and works of Charles Dickens. He is one of the founders of the Montreal branch of the Dickens Fellowship, the second largest branch in the world, the largest being in Toronto. Fourthly, he is an authority on social reform, being one of the founders of the Montreal City Improvement League, and one of its most indefatigable workers.

But perhaps the work nearest his heart is that on behalf of the sailors who visit the port of Montreal.

The doctor has naturally many stories to tell of the men who seek his assistance. Not a few not knowing that he is an L.L.D. and thinking he is an M.D., come to him for medical aid.

One of his best stories relates to an Irishman with the obviously Hibernian name of O'Toole, who came to him one night seeking help from him to find his son.

"Have you any idea where he is?" asked the doctor.

"Oh, yes. He's in St. Vincent de Paul."

"What, in the penitentiary," exclaimed the doctor. (St. Vincent de Paul is the name of a local prison.)

"No," replied Mr. O'Toole indignantly. "He's in a hotel."

"My mistake," said the doctor.

The doctor then told the Irishman how to get to this town and off he went.

Two or three days later, Mr. O'Toole turned up again.

"Well, did you find the boy?" asked the doctor.

"I did not."

"Why? Didn't you get to St. Vincent de Paul?"

"Yes, I got there all right, but I couldn't find my son."

"Didn't you ask for him?"

"That's just what I've come to see you about. When I got there, I found all the people were French, bedad. And how the devil could I ask them for my son, when I didn't know the French for O'Toole?"

## Famous Woman Novelist Enlisted Powerful Allies

MRS. MAUDE RADFORD WARREN, well-known writer, has just returned from a trip to Northern Canada. She had a number of adventures, amusing and otherwise. When she arrived at one stopping place she wanted hot water for a bath. There didn't seem to be any hot water about, so she started on a tour of exploration. In the roundhouse she saw two men talking, and going up to them asked, "Do you know where I can find the kitchen?" The men didn't, but one of them thought he might find out. So he added himself to the exploration party, and finally they found the required room and the lady secured the hot water. It was some time later that she discovered that the courteous gentleman was the Premier of Alberta, the Hon. Mr. Brownlee, and his companion the Lieutenant-Governor of the province, Dr. Egbert.

Mrs. Warren was much disappointed with one feature of her trip. She had hoped to secure some handsome furs when in the proper habitat for furs, and was surprised that it was impossible to buy any, everything being sold in advance to the trading companies.

## She Remembered

BILLIE Brown had decided that he would introduce himself to the prettiest girl at the dance. His friends tried to persuade him that this would be very rude, but Billie was not put off by this.

"Pardon me," he said, having crossed over to the lady in question, "but I'm sure we've met before somewhere, though I can't quite remember where."

"Perhaps it's just as well," came the freckled reply—and Billie quivered beneath her icy glance. "I am the woman who stood up in the street car for three miles while you sat and read your paper this evening."

## Meet My Little Poetess!

By HAL CLAVERLY

HAVE you ever met a poet? You have, perhaps, but no matter how famed he was, you can never quite equal my poetess. To be sure, her name does not concern the literary world of today, nor does her work form the seed of intelligent thought, or excite comment of any nature.

The poetess is old. Fifty, anyway, and probably much more than that. Certainly there are lines on that rather tired, rather worried face. Certainly youth has long departed that stooped body. But adventure and understanding of life are just beginning to dawn there.

The poetess keeps a little store in an unpretentious part of one of our Ontario cities. It is one of those little "this and that" stores that one finds everywhere. There you may purchase tobacco or writing paper; there you may get sardines or mullage. And there you will find a small table covered with scraps of paper, and a stub of pencil lying on it. The poetess has been at work.

Here are not themes of theory, Spring or adventure. Here are her loved topics—pioneers, and her fatherland. Scotland is the paradise she attempts to portray; the work and faith of the pioneer is the theme she works continually on. Scotland, she visions from eyes born to Scotland. Pioneers, she portrays from the little history and the books she can find.

It is not good poetry. Neither is it bad. From the viewpoint of the high school teacher it lacks metre, rhythm; it has dropped all the essentials of poetry. From the viewpoint of a reader it is "dry," and very, very amateurish. Yet, away back of that poorly written verse, there is something—a beautiful something that is caught in the lines only once in a hundred. There is the theme, the love of the theme, which is hidden by the poor expression.

She is quite proud of her poetry, which is accepted, without pay, by the city's one paper. She is quite angry when the editor sees fit to change a line. Each of those lines has meant hours.

Like all poets, she has her ambitions. They centre on one object—to go back home. "Canada is a fine country; I love its stillness when you go out in the country," she says. "When I get away out it makes me long more than ever for the heather of Scotland. Canada is fine, but not like the hills at home. . . . beautiful . . . beautiful, with its wide green hill-sides, and the sheep . . . beautiful."

She does a good business in her store; she is not without Scotch caution and care in financial matters. And sometimes she threatens to give up writing. "There's no money in it, you know. You get nothing for it." But it is not long till the town paper again blossoms forth with one of her "poems."

So, when you have time to spare, visit her little store. She will make you welcome and talk to you just as she talks to everybody who goes in the store . . . of pioneers . . . and Scotland. How do you go? Right down Main Street till you come to the old-fashioned store almost hidden with Coca Cola and tobacco signs. When you go in a bell will ring and she will rise from poetry to meet you. Yes, that is the place. Drop in and see the poetess.

## "She's a Bear!" Said Cy. Peck, But That Wasn't Cited

ONE of the British Columbia winners of the Victoria Cross who attended the Prince of Wales dinner on Armistice Day was Lieutenant W. Peck, commanding officer of the Sixteenth Battalion during the war. At present Colonel Peck represents The Islands in the British Columbia Legislature, and although he sits on the Government side he is one of the most popular members of the House.

Like most Victoria Cross winners, the doubly colorful never has had much to say about the manner in which he qualified for the coveted decoration.

"There were lots of fellows in that drive that deserved it a great deal more than I did," is his usual answer to questions, but not many of the "fellows" can be found to agree with him.

The official citation, after outlining the critical nature of the situation on the Dro-croquet sector where Peck's men were attacking, touches on the commanding officer's single-handed reconnaissance under heavy fire—almost an unprecedented thing in the war, and then continues:

"His magnificent display of courage and fine qualities of leadership enabled the advance to be continued, although always under heavy artillery fire, and contributed largely to the success of the brigade attack."

It remained for Sir Archibald Macdonell, K.C.B., the general officer commanding the First Canadian Division, to throw a little humorous light on Colonel Peck's methods of urging his men to the attack. The Colonel was generally known as "MacPeck" among his brother officers, who held that this was the proper name for the leader of a Highland battalion, and of him Sir Archibald said:

"When the advance was held up in front of the Bois de Bouche, MacPeck walked along the front of his line cheering up the men and constantly repeating:

"She's a bear, boys, she's a bear!"

Uncle Richard had gained a reputation for always keeping cool in a crisis. More than once this gift had proved valuable when things went wrong.

But his best effort was put in the shade soon after he had gone to live with his married nephew.

"Uncle!" screamed that gentleman's little son as he burst into the room one morning. "Daddy's just fallen off the roof of the house!"

Uncle Richard nodded as he got up and followed him outside.

"I know, my boy," he said. "I saw him pass the window."

## The Thing He Prizes Most Was a Gift From Lepers

FORMOSA, the island which has the two tallest mountains in the Japanese Empire, is the home of a notable Canadian, Dr. G. Guashue-Taylor. Perhaps it might be more proper to refer to Formosa as Dr. Guashue-Taylor's second home, because during his Canadian trip he visited Stratford, Ont., where his father resides.



DR. GUASHUE-TAYLOR

A few months ago the doctor had conferred on him by the Japanese Government the distinction of cabinet rank in official recognition of the outstanding work he is doing amongst the lepers at the McKay Memorial Hospital, Taihoku. To this task he has devoted his life.

At present he is on his way to England, where he is to spend some time at the London Hospital, where he will both give and receive information as to the newest discoveries in connection with the disease, which is still, to a certain extent, the " scourge of the Orient."

His membership of the Japanese cabinet is believed upon in character and is a remarkable testimonial.

Another honor rare among Canadians was conferred on him a few years ago by the Royal College of Surgeons of England, who made him a Fellow of that institution.

His proudest possession, however, is neither

of these documents of distinction generally prized as gifts of the world's greatest. It is a ring made of Formosan gold which was presented to him as the joint gift, paid for by many small contributions of the leper women to whom he has ministered. He also values highly some small nuggets of bright yellow gold of the island which came to him in similar circumstances from the men.

During the Great War Dr. Guashue-Taylor was the only medical missionary left on the island, which has well over three million inhabitants. Even at that distance from Canada and Britain he heard the call—urgently sounded—for qualified medical volunteers, and wrote asking for permission to enlist. "The exigencies of war," he wrote, "seem to demand that I should go."

His request met with refusal, amounting almost if not entirely to censure, by the missionary authorities. This slur, if such it was, is shortly to be expunged from the records, one is delighted to hear; it will be replaced by worthy appreciation of noble deeds.

Enthusiasm, arising from inspiration and love of his work, are the keynotes of Dr. Guashue-Taylor's message, and he is one of the most modest of men. He is largely responsible for raising the money to meet the financial requirements of his mission hospital. As to his methods, he shares the now common distrust of leper-island colonies, preferring isolation in conditions approximating the surroundings of the patients' homes, but with perfect sanitation.

"Chaulmoogra oil is a most useful remedy," he said, "provided the patient is brought to the sun soon enough. If the leprosy is caught in the early stages, medical science has a chance; if not, all we can do is to alleviate. Sometimes we stay the course of the disease, but complete cure is—." He broke off significantly.

Not a grey hair is to be found on the head of this fresh-complexioned healthy disciple of Christ and Hippocrates, whose fascinating talks about his work were greatly enjoyed by audiences he addressed during his stay. The Japanese name for the island is Taiwan; the British name, Formosa, means "beautiful." Dr. Guashue-Taylor has attained to much that is beautiful in his own character.

## This Quiet Ontario Scot Is Used to Heavy Loads

THE name of A. J. McPhail has become familiar to Canadian newspaper readers because he is president of the Western wheat pool, but the personality behind the name has remained obscure. Mr. McPhail, the executive chief of a farmers' company with a yearly turnover exceeding \$200,000,000, is a modest and reticent man. He shuns personal publicity, rarely gives an interview and makes a public statement only when it seems unavoidable. He is by no means stand-offish, or out of touch with the rank and file of pool members.

A more friendly citizen would be hard to find, and he is not secretive about pool business except as a seller in a world market must be. But he had to overcome a natural dislike for the spotlight in a little of his personal history.

Mr. McPhail was born in 1883 at Paisley, Bruce County, Ontario. His mother was Scotch and his father a Canadian who lapsed into Gaelic. While A. J. McPhail never learned the old language, the faint Scottish accent in his speech betrays his Bruce County origin and Highland descent. He was the eldest of nine children and grew up on an Ontario farm, went to school at Paisley and earned his first dollar at the neighboring town of Port Elgin on Lake Huron. His father died when he was sixteen. He ran the old home farm in Ontario for a time and then, in 1899, still only sixteen years old, led the McPhail family out to the West. They settled in Minnedosa, Manitoba, and there, three years later, the mother of the flock passed on, leaving her eldest to bring up a large family. He must have done well, for all of the five brothers and sisters are happily settled in Western Canada.

In 1908 Mr. McPhail came farther west to the new province of Saskatchewan, just carved out of the Northwest Territories, and took a farm where the town of Elfron now stands. There was then no cross and the nearest railway town was eight miles away, so that the thrills and trials of pioneering were shared by the youth from Bruce County. He was keen from the start in the work of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, going to its conventions as a delegate from his district. The annual meeting was an open forum where the farmers freely aired their grievances and exposed their schemes for political action or mutual aid. Taking an active part and reading economics by lamp-light, A. J. McPhail was soon well up in farm problems and when the office of secretary of the S.G.A. fell vacant in 1922 he was chosen to fill it.

A year later came the wheat pool. Mr. McPhail, who had favored the entry of the farmers into politics, was one of the first to be convinced of the merits of co-operative selling. When it was proposed in 1923 that the wheat growers should form a pool and pledge themselves to support it for a five-year term, Mr. McPhail threw his influence behind the plan. He was made manager of the drive to get signatures to wheat pool contracts in Saskatchewan. He is not a great orator, but he is quietly persuasive and practical as only a Scot or Bruce County man can be. He had much to

do with the success of the "sign up" campaign in the central prairie province. He stayed with it until the objective stated in the contract, 90 per cent of the total acreage, was assured. He was then elected first president of the central selling agency. This is a board of nine men, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta each naming three, to which all pool wheat is delivered and which does the actual selling in the world markets.

Mr. McPhail still holds both the offices to which he was chosen at the outset of the pool's history. This tells the whole story of his skill as an executive, for Western farmers are critical of their leaders and quick to depose one who ceases to represent them. In five years as wheat pool chief, A. J. McPhail has become an authority on the world grain trade.

## Vancouver's Woman Judge Studied Law In Toronto

CANADA'S youngest woman judge functions as head of the juvenile court for girls at Vancouver. She is Miss Edith Louise Patterson, a graduate of McGill University who read law at Osgoode Hall and was later articled to the late Frank Denton, K.C., of Toronto, eventually returning to her native city of Vancouver for the practise of her profession.

Although she has met with a fair measure of success in the few years she has been a member of the bar, Miss Patterson was prevailed upon last Spring to accept the position of juvenile court judge when a change was deemed advisable as a result of the amalgamation of the municipalities of Point Grey and South Vancouver with the city of Vancouver.

The retirement of her predecessor on the bench, Mrs. Helen Gregory McGill, caused a bit of a stir in political circles, but Miss Patterson simply demonstrated her possession of the judicial mind by refraining from a single comment on the situation. She has simply gone ahead and done her work in an efficient manner.

Though she is now a judge, Miss Patterson continues in private practice, but does not often appear in court as a pleader. In that role, she holds, a woman is rather at a disadvantage when opposed by a man. The deep resonant tones of the male human makes woman's thinner voice appear trifling by comparison, and may quite conceivably have an important effect on an impressionable jury. It is a serious drawback that may never be overcome except by masculine women, which Miss Patterson certainly is not.

Tall, dark, and slim, with clear-cut serious features and hair dressed in the modish manner, Miss Patterson is filling her position on the bench with poise and dignity at an age when most women are more concerned with the coming dance or the new dress. As to what that exact age is, Miss Patterson doesn't say.

Anyway, there is no doubt that she is the youngest woman judge in Canada by a big margin.

The man of science has a God far bigger than the God than can be contained within the four walls of any creed.—Sir Berkeley Moynihan.

## He Keeps Two Chauffeurs But Walks to His Office

LAST March thousands of Canadians sat in the brokers offices puzzling over the vagaries of the newly-important organization, the United States Federal Reserve Board, of which they had heard very little before. All of a sudden it seemed to have a very great deal to do with the health of their bank accounts. Who and what was this United States Reserve Board which had power to raise the money rates from hour to hour and dislocate the stock markets of the entire continent? Well, one of the directors of the board was a certain Charles Mitchell, president of the National City Bank of New York. But he did not agree altogether with the board's policy of raising the money rates so high that the market could not afford to borrow for the day's business. On a certain afternoon, March 27, to be precise, the board raised the rate to twenty per cent and the entire American market was on the sharp edge of panic. This Charles Mitchell, tall, brawny, head-headed, decided on a stroke which he knew would involve him in a storm of controversy. He ordered twenty-five millions of dollars to be lent to the brokers, five millions at the current rate of twenty per cent, five millions at nineteen per cent, five millions at fifteen per cent, and so on down to fifteen per cent. He broke the strain, lifted the tension in the market and soon other banks followed his suit until the money market got back to something like normalcy. He was accused of "slapping the Federal Reserve Board squarely in the face," but his audacity saved the situation and lifted him personally higher than ever in the ranks of adventurous bankers. Since that time he has merged the National City Bank with the Corn Exchange Trust Company and becomes the head of the largest banking organization in the United States.

In that country the banks are not national banks in the sense that Canadian banks are, and their services to the general public are much more restricted in area. There is now a battle being waged in the United States in an effort to create a banking organization national in scope and Mr. Mitchell is in the van in his effort to make this huge new banking institution nation-wide in its application. How he will succeed will be seen in two or three or five years' time. The great city banks are opposed in their inroads by the country banks who resent the intrusion of the huge money trusts.

Charles Mitchell is fifty-three years of age. He began work as a clerk in the Western Electric plant in Chicago. He was the son of a Boston merchant, a lad of ambition and with the ability to think clearly. He worked his way gradually into finance, and during the panic of 1907 he established his reputation as a sane and far-sighted executive.

In 1911 he gave up his post as assistant to the head of an important trust company, saying that he did not know enough about the financial game, and he went abroad to study European conditions. He returned to New York, experimented successfully with new forms of investment and eventually, after the war, became vice-president of the National City Company. Within a few months he was president, and year by year since then he has added to his business honors.

Mr. Mitchell is an athletic type. He rides, plays tennis, or makes the rounds of the golf links whenever an opportunity permits. He is, moreover, a keen motorist. Yet, in spite of his motoring hobby, his millions of money, he is one of the few New Yorkers who really walk.

Every morning he starts out from his home for his office on foot, a walk of about an hour's duration. It is his constitutional for the day. It sets him up, gives him time to think and observe, and gets him to his desk alert and refreshed. He is a man of great vitality and much strength of character and personal charm. He admittedly owes much of his success to his personality, though there is more than social grace behind a career which has put him today in control of organizations with resources aggregating nearly two and a half billion dollars.

One of the things that foreign countries find it difficult to understand is how a Dominion like Canada can be part of the British Empire, and yet be independent. In illustration of this Dr. Adam Shortt of Ottawa, the brilliant economist, tells a good story.

Shortly before the Great War he was commissioned by Sir Wilfrid Laurier to make inquiries into a certain matter in Europe. In carrying out his commission he visited Vienna. Interviewed the British ambassador there, and next proceeded to Berlin.

As he went about, it struck him that he was being shadowed. Mentioning the matter to the Berlin ambassador, the latter assured him he most certainly was being shadowed. "There is trouble over Agadir. War is threatened. You have come from the British Ambassador at Vienna, and while we know your mission has nothing to do with us, the Germans can't understand that that should be so."

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# Wall Street Slump Merely a Passing Episode

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LONDON, Dec. 7.—The dark, narrow, crooked lane leading to the river and the graveyard, to quote the local description of Wall Street, has been, during the last few years, the cynosure of American eyes.

No social or political topic, no foreign or domestic event, not the Presidential election, not even prohibition itself, has been a serious competitor.

Everybody has been dabbling in stocks. Earned increments are sweet, but those unearned are sweeter. It is said that eighteen million men and women have been in the market, all eager to supplement the rewards of energetic toil by "easy money."

From every part of its enormous territories the American public has been following the game. Horse racing, baseball, football, every form of sport or gambling ceded its place to a casino whose amplitude and splendors make Monte Carlo the meanest midget in Lilliput.

No pages of the innumerable newspapers which cater to the public taste are more prominently or carefully printed, more eagerly and more earnestly studied, than those which record the daily operations of the stock markets.

Brokers abound on every side. The more enterprising hotels have a complete apparatus of tape machine and telephone facilities, and provide entire suites where, amid the clack and rattle of tickers, expert clerks chalk up from minute to minute the latest quotations, not only from New York but from other important exchanges.

The housemaid who makes your bed is, or was, a stockholder on margin. Workmen of every class, brain or hand; the chauffeur, the tram conductor, the railwayman, the waiter, all have had their open accounts, and so very often have their wives.

Even the transatlantic steamers have their floating migratory exchange, where seafaring "bulls" and "bears" contend amid the heaves and lurches. Even English people have been known to participate, from time to time, in this recreation.

## Twenty Million Speculators

A SPECULATIVE public numbering in the United States alone between fifteen and twenty millions is, of course, utterly novel. Nothing approaching it has ever been seen or dreamed of since the world began.

Nothing could stop these enormous multitudes when they came in full of ardor. Nothing could even delay them when swept by panic they streamed out. Nevertheless, the physical

structure of the New York Stock Exchange has rules and regulations which have been framed with such massive strength and strictness that the perils of the situation are less formidable than would appear to European eyes.

London has never attempted to handle such masses. Our people have not the wealth, nor is our machinery adapted to such strains. The British workman bets and gambles on the turf and finds his bookmaker, legal or illegal, never far away.

But the American public concentrates upon the stock markets, and it is as easy to buy shares, few or many, on margin as it is to buy a pound of tea; and far easier than to buy a motor car or a talking machine upon the installment system.

The personal relation between broker and client, which is the staple of our old world business, has, in the United States, been superseded by iron rules which, while they facilitate every form of speculation, have, nevertheless, enabled the brokers to weather, with scarcely a shipwreck, the greatest financial hurricane that ever blew.

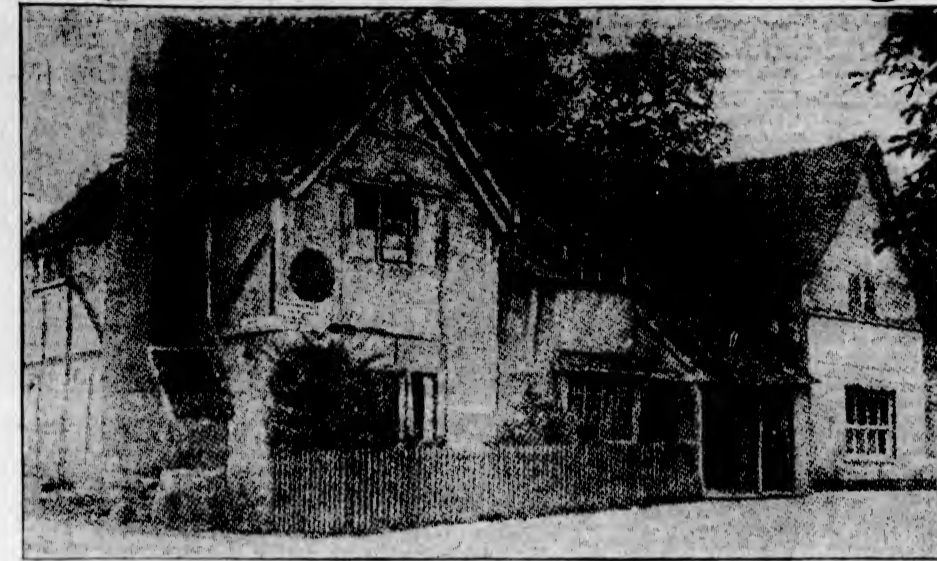
Before disparaging the American methods, the English critic would do well to acquaint himself with the inherent probity and strength of the American speculative machine. It is not built to prevent crises, but to survive them. The turbulent life-force of this community, its vast creative and productive effort and achievement, its sense of worlds to conquer, its unshakable faith in a golden future, lead it naturally, perhaps inevitably, certainly uncontrollably, to anticipate the good days which are surely coming.

"What," they ask, "can stop the United States?"

## Forward! Headlong!

HAS it not rather only just got on the move? Vast enterprises, acquiring momentum every day; science and organization smoothing and lighting the path; the very magnitude of every operation facilitating the next; a continent as raw material in the hands of industry; wealth abounding, and wealth diffused; millionaires multiplying; wages high and rising; seven million college students; twenty-five million motor cars; food plentiful, clean, and cheap; room to live; room to breathe; room to grow; room to kick; Socialism, a European delusion; politics an occasional pastime; the Constitution, a rock—why should they fear? Forward! Headlong! All will be well.

Was it wonderful that a population thus circumstanced and thus inspired should strip advancing reality, should prefer specula-



A SIXTEENTH CENTURY FARM WITH HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS  
A Member of the Penn Family, Who Claims Direct Descent From William Penn, has Offered to Purchase This Sixteenth Century Farm at Chalfont St. Giles, Buckinghamshire, in Order to Prevent Its Being Transported to America. It Was Once the Residence of Thomas Ellwood, Who Was Secretary to John Milton.

tion to thrift, should try to live a year or two ahead of time, should consume and cast away and make again? A blunder! We can repair it. Hideous losses! We can make them good. Ruins! Watch us rebuild them.

To write thus of the solidity of the speculative apparatus or of the buoyancy of the speculating public must not lead to any under-rating of the disappointment and suffering which the recent violent collapse of values has brought to millions of American homes. The steady inflation of prices had gone on so long that ordinary people with busy lives and short views had readily and comfortably accepted its continuance as one of the regular conditions of life.

The worker who had deposited his 35 per cent margin easily persuaded himself that he possessed one hundred units of capital. He felt himself doing business on a large scale, like the great capitalists. Everyone round him was doing it, too. It all seemed so good and

sound; and behind it lay the broad United States.

## Then—The Earth Trembled

AND then—suddenly, the earth trembled, the chimney stacks fell crashing into the streets, and many dead and wounded were carried away. Then, when it was assumed that all was over, came other shocks, heavier and heavier, and the fronts of buildings cracked or fell out, spreading havoc and panic in the crowded streets; billions of capital value were annihilated in ten days; and all the small stockholders were ruthlessly sold out.

And the women said to their husbands: "Sell out at all costs. Let it all go. You have your job or your salary. Let's keep the home."

Under my very window a gentleman cast himself down fifteen stories and was dashed to pieces, causing a wild commotion, and the arrival of the fire brigade. Quite a number of persons seem to have overbalanced them-

selves by accident in the same sort of way. A workman smoking his pipe on the girder of an unfinished building 400 feet above the ground, blocked the traffic of the street below, through the crowd, who thought he was a ruined capitalist, waiting in a respectful and prudently withdrawn cresset for the final act. But all the time the steel skyscrapers stood. They were earthquake proof!

Then the bankers arrived upon the scene, located the unfortunates who had lost their money, preached the virtues of thrift and the immorality of speculation, and picked up the securities that were lying about the streets in baskets and even in wagons, and took them home for safety to their vaults. Grimi!

Still, after all, no one can say the public was not warned. Many times did the Federal Reserve authorities denounce speculation and raise the rate to check it. Repeatedly, Secretary Mellon declared the position unsafe and counselled investments in bonds.

## Old Masters in Obscurity

A FEW weeks ago Otto Klein, art dealer, strolling into a pawnbroker's shop in Vienna, where an auction was in progress, took a fancy to a crayon drawing of a woman resting on a sofa. He bid \$11.50 and walked out with it. An hour later he was offered \$1,200 for the same portrait. He declined the offer. A profit of 1,000 per cent failed to interest the owner of Claude Monet's "A Lady on a Sofa," for such was the picture the \$11.50 had bought.

The pawnbroker's shop is only one of many obscure nooks in which many connoisseurs have pried in recent years with the dream that from the dust of decades or centuries they may rescue the forgotten painting of a master. Garrets and cellars, barns and even rubbish heaps have yielded their treasures. The collector enjoys no greater thrill than retrieving a forgotten but beautiful old canvas.

A work by a recognized craftsman may be worth \$1,000 or \$100,000. Even \$1,000,000 is not an unprecedented figure. The man who discovers a gold mine is no more fortunate than he who buys an old master for a song—and learns of his luck before he has sold it for another song. Not always is it the shrewd art dealer who resurrects a forgotten masterpiece; nor is it always the uninformed layman who unsuspectingly parts from a treasure in return for a fraction of its worth.

## A Rubens Found

NOT so long ago a dealer attended an auction of the goods of the Dortmund family of Germany, who were moving to Holland. He bid \$5 for a faded portrait, secretly congratulating himself upon obtaining a splendid old frame for that amount. He had no use for the picture and sold it to an antique dealer for a trifling sum. The antique dealer proved to be shrewder than the art dealer, who saw only an impressive frame. He had experts carefully clean off several coats of dust and varnish. Disclosed to view was a profile portrait of Henry IV of France, adjudged by connoisseurs to be a genuine Rubens.

While luck has played a similar part in many other transactions of like nature, the odds are naturally in favor of the dealer. He may be young and obscure, but if he has the eye and intellect, the "feeling," as some of the fraternity like to express it, his opportunities are comparable with those of the most famed. I. J. Sheinberg, representing a large private gallery in New York, attended one day a sale of the collection of Dr. George R. Reuling of Baltimore. A painting 10 by 14 inches depicting the Holy Family was put up for auction. The painting had all the appearance of extreme age, and, in addition, was labeled "By Rubens."

## A Fake Discovered

DEALERS and experts glanced at the label and smiled knowingly, for thousands of impostors have borne the names of famous artists. The surface of the painting was covered with varnish cut across with a thousand little cracks, resembling varnish several hundred years old. "That's fake varnishing," said one dealer, running the tip of his finger across it. His friends nodded. Nobody wanted a counterfeit. With amused smiles they heard Mr. Sheinberg bid \$110. The picture was his.

A few months later, after the canvas had been carefully cleaned and submitted to experts, Dr. G. Frank Muller, a well-known authority, signed a statement saying of the picture that it "is not a copy or a replica, but an original production from the Master's studio, and the figures of the Virgin and the Christ child I consider from the Master's own hand."

The adage that knowledge is power—in the art dealer's business, the power to buy a gem for a joke—was again illustrated by Karl Loevenich. When "Arab Dealer Among His Antiques," said to be a masterpiece by Charles Bague, was placed on exhibition in New York three years ago Mr. Loevenich told how he had discovered it.

He was prying through the stock in a shop in New York when he chanced upon what the owner believed to be a "doctored" lithograph. The painting salesman took it out of his hands. "Don't bother about that," he said. "It's something I got stung with."

"Let me see it. I like to be stung," said the customer. "What do you want for it?"

## Valued at \$25,000

THE owner thought rapidly. If Mr. Loevenich wanted it, it must be worth something, so he demanded \$200. The purchaser walked out without waiting to have his buy wrapped. Later, when it was exhibited, it was valued at \$25,000.

It may be the art dealer who is most likely to acquire an old master for a song, but, if one might judge from the experience of Mr. Tom Perry, an upholsterer in Harlesden, a suburb of London, every one has a chance. Eight years ago a stranger interrupted Mr. Perry's work to unwrap a picture of a woman kneeling by the side of a sleeping figure. Mr. Perry was attracted by the beauty of the picture, and still more so by the frame. The stranger sold it to him for \$50.

When Mrs. Perry learned of the purchase she was dismayed, but when she saw the frame she decided it was worth the price. She hung it in the home. Later, no purchaser of the frame having appeared, Mr. Perry took the picture to the loft of his workshop lest his children injure the frame. Months later an art dealer called and asked to see the picture. "How much will you take for it?"

Perry asked the dealer to make a suggestion. He said later that if the dealer had offered \$75 or \$100 he would have accepted. But the dealer offered \$300, thereby arousing Mr. Perry's suspicions. Dealer after dealer came, until a year ago the Perrys accepted \$21,000. The picture is now valued at \$150,000. It is known as Tintoretto's "Diana and Endymion."

## Scientific Salesmanship Is Vitrally Important In Great Britain

MR. Francis W. Goodenough, president of the Incorporated Sales Managers' Association, in the course of an address to the Birmingham College of Commerce, referred to the American craze for college and correspondence courses in every conceivable subject. Be-

hind all this exuberance and thirst for something new and different there stood, he said, the great fact that America's love of knowledge and the power it brought, and especially the realization that the calling of commerce demanded for its successful pursuit an extensive, well-educated, soundly-trained, and keen personnel.

In England they did not, he said, make the mistake of thinking that all American methods of salesmanship were best suited to British markets, nor the equal mistake of forgetting that they might be well suited to many neutral markets in which England wanted to sell her goods; but they had to learn that recognition of the vital importance of scientific salesmanship was essential to progress.

That was why the Committee on Education for Salesmanship, whose interim report would soon be published, was so anxious to arouse the interest of manufacturers in this problem. It was no use British schools, colleges, and universities producing a supply of well-qualified men and women if there were not a steady and increasing demand for them by employers ready to pay an adequate price. There was a large volume of evidence that all was not well with British salesmanship overseas, and Great Britain should face the truth and do its best as a nation of manufacturers to put right what was wrong. It was common sense to say that the country needed a better appreciation of the importance of salesmanship in the high places of the industrial world, and, with that, an appreciation of the importance of education and training.

## Remarkable Prices Paid For MSS. of Dickens and Goldsmith

A FEW remarkable prices were paid for some exceptionally important lots in London at Sotheby's sale of books and manuscripts, of which the day's total amounted to £17,191 7s.

The distinction of first place easily belongs to the last lot in the day's sale, the very fine autograph MS. of Oliver Goldsmith's "The Hunch of Venison," on 4½ pages folio, the property of the Rev. F. B. Hadow, of Woolton, near Liverpool, a direct descendant of Sir Joshua Reynolds' sister, Mary Palmer. This MS. is one of only seven or eight of the poet known to exist, and this particular one was probably done for Sir Joshua Reynolds. At the sale Mr. Maggs started the bidding at £500 and took it up to £4,000, and thereafter the contest was between a commission held by the auctioneer and Mr. Gabriel Wells, who became the buyer at £4,800.

The lot second in importance was the autograph MS. of Charles Dickens' "The School-boy's Story," 1853, on ten pages octavo, the property of Mr. W. A. Traill, of Portrush, and for this an opening bid of £200 rapidly increased to £1,850. Messrs. Maggs buying it with Mr. Sawyer as underbidder. The third highest price, £1,810, was paid by Mr. Gabriel Wells against Messrs. Maggs for a superb letter of Robert Burns to John Logan, of Afton, August 7, 1789, on five pages quarto, and containing the famous satirical verses:

Quantity production reduces overhead. Physicians' bills for one baby, \$30, for triplets, \$10 each.

## Mandarins' Flower Boats Are Like Floating River Palaces

ANY one who visits a Chinese flower boat feels that he has stepped inside a rainbow. These pleasure boats of the wealthy are fitted up to gratify the five senses, but chiefly to please the Oriental eye with gorgeous colors.

One belonging to a Mandarin has two or three small rooms at bow and stern and a large central saloon enclosed on three sides with beautiful stained glass windows separated by narrow black panels. These panels are lacquered and painted with colorful sprays of flowers. Each window differs in design from the others and when the sun is shining the interior of the long saloon looks like the inside of a kaleidoscope.

With a strange blending of Orient and Occident, the three round tables in the inside of the saloon are marble-topped and the ebony clock, surmounted by a bronze figure, speaks of New York, while the luxurious easy chairs are of bamboo, lacquered scarlet and cushioned in yellow brocade. On each side of the magnificent chandelier, glittering with prisms, hang cheap kerosene lamps with white porcelain shades. Two black, carved ebony tables support ordinary earthenware flowerpots, containing growing plants. On either side of the door, blue vases six feet high hold lilies and ferns.

The ceiling is painted with scenes from the history of the Ming, and with warriors and legendary monsters. An opium layout in cloisonné and silver is spread on a teakwood table conveniently near a red satin couch heaped with gay silk pillows. The teakwood table is upheld by dragons, standing on their tails and with glowing ruby eyes. At the end of the saloon, above a teakwood locker inlaid with the signs of the Zodiac in mother-of-pearl, hangs a scroll engraved with verses from the Chinese poets.

In this floating palace of pleasure the Mandarin feasts, drinks and smokes opium with his friends or in the company of some fair favorite. Such boats were a common sight on Chinese rivers until the revolution.

## British Experts Urge Special Eyeglasses

EYEGASSES for people with normal eyesight is a suggestion just made in a pamphlet issued by the British Government, "Further Experiments on the Use of Special Spectacles in Very Fine Processes."

The authors, H. C. Weston and S. Adams, maintain that people with ordinary sight, but engaged in fine work, benefit considerably from wearing glasses especially designed for their particular occupations. It is asserted that experiments showed those who examine steel balls for defects, or do burling and mending, a fine process of finishing cloth, increased their output with special glasses. Likewise, any discomfort and strain previously felt after a day's work when they had used their eyes unaided was absent with the use of glasses.

Literature for literature's sake is a silly and an unusual idea, invented by grumblers and idlers.—Arnold Bennett.

## Shrines of Britain's Glory

By CHARLES CONWAY

### Royal United Service Museum

NO nation in the world has ever possessed a more superb collection of relics of its naval and military prowess than are to be found within the walls of the Royal United Service Museum in London, where can be seen trophies and mementoes of Britain's glorious victories on land and sea from the time of the Saxons down to the days of the late Great War.

The museum has its home in the historic banqueting hall of Whitehall Palace, which is the only surviving portion of the splendid residence of the Tudor and Stuart sovereigns, all the rest of the vast building having been destroyed by a fire which devastated the scene of some of the most memorable and far-reaching events in the history of Great Britain.

An earlier fire in 1619 destroyed the original banqueting hall, which had been the scene of many gorgeous revels in the reigns of Henry VIII and Elizabeth, and the present structure, a superb specimen of Palladian architecture, was designed by Sir Inigo Jones for James I. It was Charles I who commissioned Rubens to embellish the ceiling of the hall with its magnificent allegorical paintings, and the same monarch intended that Van Dyck should cover the walls with a series of panels representing the history and ceremonies of the Order of the Garter, but the outbreak of the great Civil War prevented the carrying out of the design, which would have made the hall one of the most beautiful in the world.

### On Way to Scaffold

IT was through the centre window of the hall that Charles I stepped out on to the scaffold erected in front of the palace for his execution; the beautiful chamber was the scene of many of the solemn meetings of Cromwell's council-of-state during the days of the Commonwealth, and on its roof still stands the weather vane placed there by the order of James II in order that he should observe whether the wind was in a favorable direction or otherwise for the approach of William of Orange's fleet.

The hall was the scene of the first meeting of William of Orange with the Lords and the Commons after his arrival in England, but the Dutch King refused to live at Whitehall, owing to the fact that his chronic asthma was badly affected by the river fogs which frequently enveloped the palace, and long before the fire of 1698 he had made his London home at Kensington, and Whitehall had ceased to be the royal residence. George I converted the banqueting hall into a chapel royal, and it was taken over for that purpose until 1890, when it was taken over by the Royal United Service Institution for its collection of military and naval relics.

### Models of Famous Men

THE largest of the exhibits in the museum is a model of the Battle of Waterloo, which covers an area of 400 square feet. It was made from an actual survey of the battlefield by Captain Siborne, who amassed a great fortune by exhibiting it before presenting it to George IV. It contains 180,000 diminutive

## Great Fall Predicted

THE British Chancellor of the Exchequer, with the profound knowledge of the Treasury behind him, stigmatized the proceedings as "an orgy." A certain Mr. Babson, whose firm advises the American public about the markets in much the same way as "Hot-spur" tells our betting crowd about the turf, had the presence, and what is more remarkable, the courage, to predict an imminent fall of at least sixty points in values.

But all these warnings fell upon ears deaf to unwelcome tidings. The American public have certainly been cleaned out; but they cannot say that they have been hoodwinked.

I happened to be walking down Wall Street at the worst moment of the panic, and a perfect stranger who recognized me invited me to enter the gallery of the Stock Exchange. I expected to see pandemonium, but the spectacle that met my eyes was one of surprising calm and orderliness.

There are only 1,200 members of the New York Stock Exchange, some of whom have paid more than \$100,000 for his ticket. These gentlemen are precluded by the strictest rules from running or raising their voices unduly.

So there they were, walking to and fro like a slow motion picture of a disturbed ant heap, offering each other enormous blocks of securities at a third of their old prices and half their present value, and for many minutes together finding no one strong enough to pick up the sure fortunes they were compelled to offer.

## Only a Passing Episode

IT was refreshing to exchange this scene of sombre and, for the moment, almost helpless liquidation from a window high in a titanic building. The Autumn afternoon was bright and clear and the noble scene stretched to far horizons. Below lay the Hudson River, dotted with numerous tugs and shipping of all kinds, and traversed by the ocean steamers from all over the world moving in and out of the endless rows of docks.

Beyond lay all the cities and workshops of the New Jersey shore, pouring out their clouds of smoke and steam. Around towered the mighty buildings of New York, with here and there glimpses far below of streets swarming with human life.

No one who gazed on such a scene could doubt that this financial disaster, huge as it is, cruel as it is to thousands, is only a passing episode in the march of a valiant and serviceable people who, by fierce enterprise, are hewing new paths for man and showing to all nations much that they should attempt and much that they should avoid.

figures of the troops in the opposing armies, and the smoke from the guns is cleverly represented by cotton wool. There are numerous relics of the Duke of Wellington, including the hat and cape worn by him at Waterloo, while memories of Napoleon Bonaparte, both in the days of his triumph and his humiliation, are recalled by the skeleton of his war charger, "Marengo," and some furniture used by him during his exile at St. Helena.

The glorious career of Nelson is recalled by a large model of the Battle of Trafalgar, which stands on a huge table made from the timbers of the Victory, and shows the British fleet breaking through the enemy's line. Nearby is a piece of the mast of the Victory pierced by shot during the memorable fight, the log book of the ship written up by Nelson to the eve of the battle and some of the rum in which his body was preserved for its last voyage home.

## Doughty Deeds Recalled

AMONG the relics of the dark days of the Indian Mutiny are a few strands of women's and children's hair collected after the terrible massacre at Cawnpore, while the bugle which sounded the charge of the Light Brigade at Balaklava is one of the many mementoes of the Crimean War. A snuff box and a walking stick belonging to Sir Francis Drake, the Commonwealth standard which flew from the mast of Admiral Blake's flagship, a telescope and a chronometer used by Captain James Cook, together with several relics of Sir John Franklin's ill-fated Arctic voyage, recall the doughty deeds of the British seadogs in four successive centuries.

The flag and the log book of the Shannon is a reminder of the famous fight between that ship and the Chesapeake in 1813, and a gun made by the besieged garrison at Mafeking recalls one of the outstanding incidents in the last Boer War. There are innumerable relics of the late Great War, including a shell-torn Red Cross flag, several lifebuoys taken from defenceless British ships sunk by the enemy's submarines and left behind by the Germans at Bruges, and some illuminated models of dug-outs and trenches.—Copyrighted.

## The Brooks of Morley

"When woods and fields are greening,  
In April of the year,  
The little brooks of Morley  
Are jolly things to hear;  
They seem like happy shepherds  
That pipe both far and near.

"I listen to their music  
Until I oversun  
With melodies that caper,  
Like theirs, within the sun.  
The little brooks of Morley—  
I feel that I am one!

"And forth I go, rejoicing,  
All up and down the land,  
I saw the songs of Morley  
Like seed from out the hand—  
And some there be who heed not,  
And some who understand."  
—Charles G. Blanden, in the Christian Century

# Joy Riding Round the World

This is the first of a series of articles written by Mr. W. B. O'Brien, President of The Kingston Wharfedale Publishing Co., of Kingston, Ont. Mr. O'Brien was a passenger on the Canadian Pacific steamship Empress of Australia on her first round-the-world cruise. This is the first article in a series of articles dealing in a highly interesting and educational manner with the outstanding points visited.

TIME was when to take a cruise around the world it was necessary to mortgage the home, sell the family plate, borrow to the limit from your friends and from the bank, anticipate any principal or interest payments that might be coming due in the next hundred years, quietly confiscate the family jewels and put them in lock, and then let nature take its course. If you survived the trip you would merely have to start life afresh on the left-over shoe-string, though to offset this you would have something to talk about for the remainder of your earthly career.

Today all this is changed. To be sure if you plan a few dollars to rub against one another, but taking it by and large, and considering the service rendered, the amazing sights one sees and the broadening and educational influences, the cost is not at all formidable, and it is now possible for the moderately well-to-do to indulge themselves in this direction.

A world's cruise as it is conducted today is nothing more than a joy ride. By this I do not mean a joy ride in the popularly accepted meaning of that phrase, but simply that everything is done for you that human thought, foresight, ingenuity and care can provide—and done so thoroughly, that only a dyed-in-the-wool pessimist can criticize or find fault. Instead of a stuffy cabin, as in the old days, you find yourself in a large room, with real beds, a writing desk, wardrobe, running hot and cold water, easy chairs, a sofa, forced ventilation in addition to your porthole, and in fact completely equipped. Two orchestras provide music at meal-time, at afternoon tea and in the evening; movie pictures and illustrated lectures are more or less regular features, as well as dances and entertainments of all sorts in charge of a social hostess; there are swimming pools, a gymnasium, a library, numerous writing and lounge rooms, deck spots, horse races, and church services, as well as doctors and nurses, barbers and tailors, laundries and cleaners.

When you take the shore excursions you are looked after by a veritable host of capable and courteous cruise directors who, as it seemed to me on our trip, were as solicitous of our welfare as though we were their own flesh and blood.

These cruise directors arrange not only for your automobile but for your hotel accommodation and the transportation of your baggage as well, so that all you have to do when setting out on a shore excursion is to walk off the ship, go to your waiting car, do your sight-seeing to your heart's content, and then drive to the hotel to which

you have been assigned, where you will find your room in order and your baggage safely awaiting you. Similarly if you travel by train, as for instance across India when our party made up the largest special train ever sent across that country, the cruise directors may be depended upon to see that nothing is wanted that can add to your comfort or pleasure. Metaphorically speaking, you press the button. The transportation companies and the cruise directors do the rest.

## Experienced Travelers

THEY are great eye-openers, those world cruises, and they afford a wonderful chance to see all that the world holds open to you as well as to study human nature and its many sidedness. Living on the same boat for nearly five months with four hundred of your fellows the veneer soon works off, and while it is not exactly true that one is held up to a microscopic examination such as a precious jewel is submitted to by a jeweler to determine its genuineness or to examine it for flaws, the fact remains that, on such a cruise, sham and parade and artificiality are soon uncovered and equally soon put in their place. Travelers, and especially those who go around the world, are essentially democratic, and those few who are not, speedily learn that it is to their own interests that they should affect the spirit,



Stable for the Sacred Horse, Nikko, Japan

even though it irks them, since otherwise, traveling in trains, in motor cars and on foot, as well as on the steamer, and constantly rubbing shoulders with their fellow passengers, a too exclusive attitude would simply make their position intolerable.

On our cruise I am glad to say the travelers were all good fellows, and thus we lived very happily together. Indeed if I were to be asked how best to bring about international concord and amity and assure the peace of the world, I should say that one of the most efficacious methods would be to pack the more obstreperous and militant souls off on world's

cruises and give them a real opportunity to know and to understand one another. Here we were on our cruise, some sixty Canadians, some hundred from the British Islands and the remainder from the United States, with here and there a Mexican, an Italian or a Spaniard, and in all that time I do not recall hearing a bitter or unkind word said nor a single discordant racial note uttered. To the contrary, from the very beginning of the trip, we had striking evidence of the fact that like the colonel's lady and Judy O'Grady, the Anglo-Saxon people under their skin are very similar and in spirit very close together.

We sailed from New York in December, 1928, on the Canadian Pacific Steamship Empress of Australia. King George at that time was desperately ill, and continued so for weeks. Naturally there was never a day that the ship's daily newspaper did not tell of his condition, and when I add that our cousins from the United States, who constituted the majority on board, followed with the most profound sympathy and kindly and genuine interest the progress of the King's illness, and joined in our prayers for his recovery, you can well understand how closely and how early on the voyage this common bond of solicitude drew us together. It was the one touch of nature needed on our ship to make us all kin. Thus it was that, when the time came,



Pretty Japanese girls great world travellers.

ing some 30,000 miles by water, it is difficult for instance ever quite to overcome the feeling of amazement and almost of awe as to how it is all done—how, that is, a great ocean liner is able to plough along, night after night, through the darkness and, it may be, the storm and the tempest, and when the morning breaks, bob up serenely and, as it would seem, almost smilingly in her exact course in this, that or the other of the great seas and oceans of the world—amazing too, how, as with us, we were never once so much as a moment late in arriving at our far-flung scheduled ports. To the mariner, of course, it was all a part of the day's work, all a part of the system, just as though he were traveling not a dozen strange waters but only one. To us, however, the wonder was ever present.

I think, too, that the more we traveled the more we realized the truth of the statement that one-half the world does not know how the other half lives. When one sees Algiers and, in contrast, the wealth displayed at the Casino in Monte Carlo; the commercialization of the one-time Holy City of Jerusalem, the habits and customs of the people of many lands, realization comes home forcibly of the truth of the saying that we little know of the lives of those remote from us. With equal force is this same truth driven home as we continue our circle of the globe—to Ceylon, and this will interest the prohibitionists and the anti's, where those who looked upon the wine when it was red were asked to pay a "corkage" charge for all liquor served in the hotel at Kandy, but not bought there, which was in marked contrast to the condition we found in Havana, where we could have, free of charge, all the beer we wanted in the Tropical Gardens adjoining the big brewery there. This was as fine an advertising stunt as anything we met up with on the entire trip.

Or, continuing, to Hong Kong, where it is claimed, and openly stated in one of the newspapers, that they still have female slaves, bought as servants from the parents; to Java, where as in India,

China and Siam, polygamy is openly practiced, one man admitting to me that he was a quadruplet; and young women, little more than children themselves, are the mothers of children; and where a husband can turn his wife adrift—divorce her—by the simple expedient of handing her the equivalent of a dollar in Canadian or American money, and telling her he wants no more of her or her children; to Japan, where they still teach that the Emperor is Emperor "by Divine Right," or to China, where, when we were there, we were told some two millions of people were starving to death, with many of them living together in caves and existing on dry grass—that and nothing more.

## Road Problems

AN eye-opener to us was the excellent paved roads we found in countries where one least expected them. In India, of course, save in the large cities, the roads were poor, while in the country districts there were practically no roads at all. The same may be said of China. Even in Peking, the one-time capital, the roads just outside the city are villainously bad, but in Algiers and for miles out they were excellent; in Cairo they were superb; in Ceylon, where we took a three-day motor trip, and in Java, where we motored four days, we had perfect roads all the way, as we did also in Honolulu and in Hilo, the two principal cities of the Hawaiian Islands. Ceylon and Java especially were a revelation to us, and the good roads there made motoring a real pleasure. On the other hand, singularly enough, about the poorest roads we struck outside of India and China were in Manila, despite the long occupation of the Americans there. Beyond Manila proper the roads are merely macadamized, and in dry weather are so dusty that to those who live alongside them, life must be well nigh unendurable. Strangely enough, old roads there are practically an unknown quantity—a fact difficult to understand, considering the progressive road-making policies of the Americans at home.

## International Good Will

WE had a very fine spirit of international good will displayed on five distinct occasions on the trip—first at Manila, where the famous Manila consular band was on the wharf to play us a royal welcome as well as a splendid farewell; next at Beppu, in Japan, where a public holiday had been proclaimed, and the mayor, city officials and school children with myriads of flags were assembled to meet us and the streets were gaily decorated; next at Honolulu, and still at Hilo, in the Hawaiian Islands, where not only did the municipal bands welcome us, but every passenger as he embarked was presented with a lei—that is, a beautiful floral circlet, designed to be worn around the neck over the shoulders. There is a pretty fiction about these leis, that if you throw them overboard after you leave port they will gradually be carried back to the



A group of Sampan people in China

Islands and thus you will be assured of another visit there. And finally at San Francisco the municipal band "played us in." Needless to say, such thoughtful and generous welcomes touched our hearts, and when at Honolulu and Hilo the bands played that touching, moving, beautiful melody, Aloha—"Till We Meet Again"—and the singers took up the sweet, haunting refrain, I know that tears came to the eyes of many of us, and perhaps for the first time on the trip, although now we were near the end of our journey, there

came to us a great longing and desire for home, sweet home.

As a direct result of this trip I believe that the time must come—and this I have already said in a published interview—when the leading nations of the world will be forced to take united action against the spread of Communism whose long red arm is reaching out to so many countries. When we were in Bombay the rioting there had just begun and it was even then openly charged, as it has since been proven, that the Communist element was encouraging the strikers and that Soviet money was financing them.

## Scotch Highlanders

IN Ceylon we saw a parade of the followers of the Red Flag; in Hong Kong they were again in evidence; in China the police strike at Peking on the day we were there was laid at the doors of the Communists, including some misguided university students; while during our visit to Japan an eminent publicist there gave it as his opinion that one of the four principal ills from which that country was suffering was this very plague of Communism. Perhaps these Communists would come the more quickly to their senses if there were a few more "demonstrations" of the kind we saw at Peking, when on the morning following the police strike, a company of Scotch Highlanders, in full marching order, paraded some of the principal streets of the city. The significance of this little gesture was certainly not lost upon the strikers and their followers, for thereafter there was not the least trouble and the strikers were beaten ere scarcely they had begun.

One of the myths that has been thoroughly exploded by this world's cruise is the old idea that

United States possessions, the Philippine Islands and the Hawaiian Islands, the Japanese and the Chinese have a strangle hold on the trade of those countries and, as well, constitute by far the greater part of the population of the Islands. Since they are each a people who do not believe in race suicide it does not require a very vivid imagination—the yellow people increasing on those islands and the whites decreasing—to see that the United States Government will some time perhaps, not so far distant, have a much more difficult task of handling the islands than at present, and especially the Philippines, where there is a surge of unrest and discontent, just as admittedly here as in India, since in both countries one hears an insistent cry for self-government will come to both countries in time—much sooner to the educated, enlightened Filipinos than to the Indians who, in addition to their woeful lack of education, are, as it were, strangled almost to death by their deadly caste system which dooms many of them, and all those who come after them to live, move and die in what, one writer has aptly characterized as "water-tight compartments," out of which, and their caste, they can never emerge.

## The World Is Wide

IT is undoubtedly a long, long look ahead to the time when the political centre of the world will move to the Orient, and this even though Europe should continue to run amok periodically; but while this is so there is no doubt that the Orient is awake today as never before. The amazing reconstruction of Tokyo and Yokohama, following the terrible earthquake of a half dozen years ago, is striking evidence of Japan's vitality and strength, while the giant China is slowly but surely awakening, as witness her new Nationalist Government and its ambitious plans and projects for new railways, new highways, wider education and the like. When the giant finally and fully awakens the world will have an entirely new set of problems to face. What they may be is for the future to determine, but they will come as inevitable, for China is undeniably "on her way."

The world is a wide, wide world and a very beautiful one. Yet this I think, after all my travels on this and other trips, that we who live in this newer and younger land, must ever feel grateful that our lives have been cast here, since we live in the most beautiful of all lands—beautiful in their natural glory, beautiful in the promise that they hold out to those who will truly strive, beautiful in the character and the courage of their people; beautiful above all, in the glorious example they have set to all the world of two great neighboring nations dwelling together, side by side, for more than a hundred years, in sweet and abiding peace.

## No Army and No Taxes Here

"I HAVE spent my vacation in Arcadia this year," writes Paul Allard in "Parade-Sol." "The country is ideal. 'Aure and sun gold' might be the proud flag colors of this fortunate state, where an umbrella merchant would be doomed to bankruptcy. This idyllic principality is the smallest state of Europe. It is no more than one huge rock—Monaco.

"Why do journalists always limit their description of Monaco to the capital of roulette gambling, Monte Carlo? The principality of Monaco deserves as a whole to attract the attention of all scholars of political and social sciences. There are but 1,500 native-born inhabitants of Monaco, but the population would soon mount to the millions save for wise laws barring the road for all those who desire the honor of being subjects of the debonaire Prince Louis.

### They Walk Across Street

"WE must admit that if it had sufficed to become a neutral simply by going to Monaco many European belligerents would have crowded in the little state like sardines in a box to save themselves. And today, now that peace has returned to Europe, who would not be glad of the honor of being a naturalized citizen of Monaco? You remember that while Europe is a prey of the double plague of armed peace and super-taxes the principality of Monaco is the only country that has no army, barracks or taxes.

"There is no compulsory military service. The state did try to initiate the natives into the glories of military service. But if they were forced to join the army of Monaco these peace-loving soldiers simply deserted by walking across the street which serves as border line between Monaco and France, and they were safe. Nowadays there is public peace in Monaco, owing to the seventy-five professional soldiers who are attached to the court of His Highness the Prince of Monaco.

### No Taxes Paid

"THINK of all the consequences which this lack of military brings about. There is no military history. There are no national heroes. There is no Arch of Triumph and no Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. There are no

druff sergeants and no impressive colonels. There are no war profiteers and no new-rich society.

"Since the people of Monaco didn't help to win the World War, they don't pay any taxes. You would look in vain for a tax collector all over Monaco. Do you know they speak French in Monaco? The country where people pay taxes. On one side of a certain street called 'Rue de Midi' there are no census and no tax collections—that is Monaco. But on the other side of that street the shopkeepers pay now and then their heavy taxes—that is France.

"But how do you build so many roads and how do you organize your new gas and electricity plants if you have no revenues from taxes? I asked an official of the Government of Monaco.

### Tourists Pay Taxes

"HE laughed. 'Well, all the taxes we put on the capital of the foreigners who come to Monaco?'

"Indeed, the tourists do pay more than their share. They pay taxes at the restaurants. They pay for a visit to the palace of the Prince. They pay to get into the oceanographic museum. They pay even for being allowed to see how the fish are fed.

"I noticed an extraordinary phenomenon in Monaco. Do you know that there are civil service men who are satisfied and who do not want their salaries raised? They are abundantly paid and often lodged; after retiring they get a fine pension and a luxurious villa, and whenever they get a child they receive a raise which would make French officials simply gasp.

"Another phenomenon: There are neither deputies nor newspapers in Monaco, at least not during the Summer. As soon as Spring comes the single newspaper of Monaco is published only once a week. The Government thinks that it is dangerous to stuff the brains of the citizens with news when it gets warm with the southern sunshine."

The average man will buy a suit when he can afford it, but he'll buy a new automobile any time.

## Scanty Dress and Health Do Not Go Together Says Professor

THE present-day dress of women is condemned by Prof. Geheimeir Rubner, one of the leading physiologists of Germany. He points out that the disastrous and unhygienic effect is indicated by the fact that the mortality rates for women between the ages of twenty to twenty-six are increasing all over the world, particularly as relates to tuberculosis.

He feels that the light clothing and the resultant chilling of the body associated with loss of body weight because of the craze for slenderness are the primary factors. Indeed, he says that if these youthful forms, which are nothing but skin and bones, were clothed in rags everybody would be shocked at the terrible social conditions.

The clothing of women, including shoes, weighed formerly five to six pounds. These figures have long since been left behind. Modern clothing weighs less than a pound, and even Winter clothing weighs three and one-half to four pounds.

However, there is no longer, according to Prof. Rubner, any such thing as Winter clothing, except for the outside coat. In fact, Prof. Rubner considers especially unhygienic the fact that underwear has diminished so rapidly that the outer garment, which is a single piece, and in some cases too infrequently washed, serves constantly as a direct covering for, and is in contact with the skin.

## The Earth Is Slowly Passing Through a Sinking Process

IF one's great-grandfather were living today and started to walk around the world, he would not have to walk quite as far as he would at the time he inhabited this world, according to Dr. E. E. Free. Were it possible to make the walk precisely on the equator, traversing oceans and continents in a straight line as a bug might walk around a baseball, the decrease of distance would be at least one

and one-half miles and perhaps as great as two and one-third.

The earth has shrunk in circumference between one and two miles in the last century. At least that is the conclusion reached by Prof. Bruno Meyer, of the University of Goettingen, Germany. The shrinkage, says the astronomer, is indicated by a slight increase in the speed of the earth's rotation, made evident by the fact that the length of the day grows shorter by a small fraction of a second each year.

Whether the slow shrinkage will continue, century by century, until the earth is only a fraction of its present size, or whether it will be made up, in a century or two, by a corresponding enlargement, no one knows. Most scientists expect, however, that enlargement will come, so that not even man's remote descendants of millions of years hence are in danger of having the earth shrink up under them and thrust them off into space.

## Floating Workshops Put Out to Repair Cables Snapped by Quake

OUT on the North Atlantic six tiny floating workshops have patiently begun the work of rejoining the broken threads of communication between North America and Europe.

These ships, scarcely larger than a river steamboat, will be groping in the ocean's depth for the cables broken by the earthquake that shook the North Atlantic coast recently.

Commercial Cables, the Western Union Telegraph Company and the French Telegraph Cable Company lost three cables each, and the Imperial Cable Company (British) lost one. The location of the breaks is determined by special instruments on the land.

The cable is hoisted to the surface and tested to see in which part the break occurred. The sailors pull up the other section until they find the injury—perhaps only a break in the insulation—and then splice in a new piece of cable, sometimes five or ten inches long.

The earthquake which was felt along the coast from New York to Halifax, November 18, also shook the liner Olympic, 640 miles out at sea.

## Kim Comes to Life in Sleuth

ACCORDING to the Lahore correspondent of The London Morning Post, as well as the editorial pages of The Tribune of Lahore and The Forward of Calcutta, a most remarkable case has just come to light. Incidentally, it reveals Rudyard Kipling's Kim in real life.

The story deals with the adventures of K. C. Banerji, a Bengali youth of twenty-two, who, two years ago, entered the service of the Criminal Investigation Department of the United Provinces, to investigate cases of archy and conspiracy. On April 24, 1927, he was sent on a mission to Lahore and arrived there the same day, intending to proceed to Meerat. He was arrested on the train for carrying a concealed weapon—a C.I.D. service revolver.

Banerji had no objections to passing the expected six months in jail, for there he would come in contact with all sorts of persons and would very likely obtain valuable information. So he secretly destroyed his credentials, refused to reveal the source of his revolver and acknowledged that he was a revolutionist, trusting to his chief at Allahabad to make everything right and to vindicate him if circumstances should get beyond his control.

### Got Five-Year Term

BUT his confession as a revolutionist gave a different turn to his case, and instead of being sent to jail for only six months he was sent to prison for five years and placed "incommunicado."

At Allahabad they waited in vain for a report from their man, and after months of silence came to the conclusion that he was dead—as so many agents of the C.I.D. had died. When he was given up as dead he thought it about time to reveal his identity to the prison authorities. He did so in vain. They declined to communicate with Allahabad, for the latter had always been accustomed to inform the Punjab police of the dispatch of agents to Lahore and had failed to do so in the case of Banerji.

The Lahore correspondent of The Post ends his brief dispatch with the words: "His story has now been made public and is being made

great capital of in vernacular newspapers, which are always willing to attack authority. The case remains, however, as one of the most outstanding cases of official blundering on record."

But neither the vernacular nor the Opposition press of India regards Banerji a hero, but as an agent-provocateur who got only his deserts—"a spider caught in his own web," as The Tribune calls him.

### Suspected in Prison

IT seems that an prison Banerji soon became an object of suspicion—a revolutionist who wanted to turn informer—so his fellow-prisoners ignored him and his jailers declined to forward his letters.

With the growing conviction that his stay in prison was becoming worse than useless, Banerji redoubled his efforts to get in touch with the authorities. All in vain. He then secured the services of a lawyer and asked, while still maintaining his loyalty to the C.I.D., that an appeal be made in his case.

### Prisoner Released

THE lawyer was prepared to do this and the day of the hearing was set, but before it arrived, to use his own words: "I was surprised to receive a message from the court that the prisoner was a C.I.D. man and had been released by order of the Government. The appeal, therefore, was not pursued." Banerji had finally succeeded in getting into communication with Chumli, the head of the Lahore branch of the C.I.D.

"Othello's occupation's gone," said The Tribune of Lahore, "for henceforth this informer is a marked man." Nevertheless, within a week after his release and disappearance, ten important arrests were made and over a score of houses were searched, in some of which arms and important documents are said to have been discovered.

You can't tell about married people. Pet names live on long after the affection that coined them is dead.

The word "Listen" has never been known to preface anything worth listening to.



# A Page For CHILDREN



## Sir Christopher Wren The Architect of St. Paul's

THE ninety years from October, 1632, to February, 1723, saw a great change in England. High School students might spend a long time in finding out what these were.

The boy Christopher Wren who was born in his father's denary at East Knoyle in Wiltshire, on that Autumn day, lived through all that troublous time and has left on the face of the land the story of his work. For many months workmen have been laboring to save for us and those who will come after us the noble Cathedral of St. Paul's in London. Now they have finished, satisfied that the people may enter the great church, whether for worship or admiration, in safety.

Let us for a little while try to learn something about the great architect whose boyhood was passed in the stormy reign of Charles I. A very studious as well as a very talented boy he must have been, for he took his place among men at Oxford when he was a lad of fourteen. Here he distinguished himself both as a student of mathematics and an inventor of mathematical instruments. But such studies did not take all his time, for he looked around him into the whole world of Nature.

The air around him, the stars above him, the human body with all its mysteries filled the young man's mind with wonder and admiration. Learned men sought his company and he was one of the founders of the Royal Society that down to our own time has done such wonderful work for the good of the world.

At a time when these instruments were rare, the barometer, the microscope and the telescope were used by Wren to widen his world. Charles II, the Merry Monarch, of whom we learn so little that is good, encouraged these scientific studies. He commanded Wren to perfect a design of a globe of the moon and to make drawings of the shapes he saw through his microscope.

In 1663 the great cathedral of St. Paul's needed repairs. The work was difficult and costly and Wren was asked to make an estimate of its value. Before the survey was finished the great fire of London came and laid

not only St. Paul's but the greater part of the city in ruins in 1666.

Now all the might of Wren's great intellect was brought to the work of raising beautiful buildings. Not only St. Paul's, but fifty other churches in the city were designed by him. Oxford and Cambridge owe to Wren much of what makes those great seats of learning so lovely.

Palaces rose at his bidding, hospitals, museums and other buildings, public and private, tell of the genius and the diligence of this architect. If you seek his monument, "Look Around You" was written in Latin on Wren's tomb in the great church which he designed.

This man who worked so hard had time to give to love and to friendship. Evelyn, who has left a record of those days, was a close friend. We have seen that Wren was a member of the Royal Society. He afterwards became its president and was a Grand Master of the Free Masons.

Wren was twice married and had three children, two sons and a daughter. His work, beautiful as it was, was poorly paid. A mechanic in these days gets a larger salary than did the architect of St. Paul's Cathedral.

Yet to such workmen the work itself is the greatest reward.

Almost a century was to pass away before the poet Wordsworth, looking over London from Westminster Bridge, wrote:

"Earth has not anything to show more fair;  
Dull would he be of soul who could pass by  
A sight to touching in its majesty:  
This city now doth like a garment wear  
The beauty of the morning; silent, bare  
Ships, towers, domes, theatres and temples  
Open, into the fields and to the sky—  
All bright and glittering in the smokeless air.  
Never did sun more beautifully steep  
In his first splendour valley, rock and hill;  
Nor saw I, never felt a calm so deep!  
The river glideth at his own sweet will:  
Dear God! the very houses seem asleep;  
And all that mighty heart is lying still!"

Who today loves Beauty as the architect and the poet of a bygone time?

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## The Grasshopper and the Cricket

The poetry of earth is never dead:  
When all the birds are faint with the hot sun,  
And hide in cooling trees, a voice will run  
From hedge to hedge about the new-mown  
mead;

That is the grasshopper—he takes the lead  
In Summer luxury—he has never done  
With his delights, for when tired out with fun,  
He rests at ease beneath some pleasant weed.

The poetry of earth is ceasing never:  
On a lone winter evening, when the frost  
Has brought a silence, from the stove there  
shrills

The cricket's song, in warmth increasing ever,  
And seems to one in drowsiness half lost,  
The grasshopper's among some grassy hills.

—Keats.

## Bird Puzzle

IN connection with the puzzle picture in the issue of November 24, the competitors were asked to judge a puzzle picture containing the names of four well-known birds. Correct answers have been received from Warren Gordon, aged nine, 1423 Richardson Street; Dudley Crawford, aged ten, 1494 Beach Drive; Kathleen Knott, Victoria; Frances Moulton, aged nine, Cobble Hill, B.C.; Jean Billy Taggart, Cobble Hill, had Seagull for the first, which was a clever answer. The correct list was: Sparrow, Cardinal, Chickadee, and Whippoorwill.

## In a Drear-Nighted December

In a drear-nighted December,  
Too happy, happy tree,  
Thy branches ne'er remember  
Their green felicity.  
The North cannot undo them  
With a sleety whistle through them.  
Nor frozen thawings glue them  
From budding at the prime.

In a drear-nighted December,  
Too happy, happy brook,  
Thy bubblings ne'er remember  
Apollo's Summer look;  
But with a sweet forgetting  
They stay their crystal fretting.  
Never, never, fretting  
About the frozen time.

Ah! would I were so with many  
A gentle girl and boy!  
But were there ever any  
Writhed not at passed joy?  
To know the change and feel it,  
When there is none to heal it,  
Nor numbed sense to steal it,  
Was never said in rhyme.

—John Keats.

It is a mistake to think that a man has to  
camp on the doorstep of his business to make  
it succeed.—Viscount Astor.

What the poets refer to as the touches of  
Spring aren't a marker to the touches of the  
Christmas season.

## That Twenty Tons Your Carry

IF you were asked to lift anything like twenty  
tons you would probably laugh, and if you  
were told that when you lay down you were  
going to have a weight of twenty tons placed  
on your body, you might cry. Yet your body is  
always sustaining this weight or something  
very near it.

We speak of "trifles light as air," yet the air  
is anything but a trifle, for around the earth  
there is altogether a mass of over 523 million-  
million tons of air, or to be more precise,  
523,260,000,000,000 tons. We live at the bottom  
of a sea of air which rises from the earth's  
surface to a height of nearly 300 miles. But it  
gets thinner and thinner in the upper reaches.

The air may not weigh very much if we  
think only of a cupful, but it presses on every-  
thing on the earth with a weight equal to  
about fifteen pounds on every square inch. Of  
course, on high mountains the pressure is less  
and in deep mines it is more. But the air is  
not like an iron or brass weight which presses  
only downwards. It presses equally in all  
directions—on top of your head and shoulders,  
also sideways on your back and arms, and  
upwards under your chin.

The result is that every one of us sustains an  
air pressure of from fifteen to twenty tons on  
our bodies, which are specially adapted to  
stand it. Were the pressure removed our blood  
vessels would burst, and other unpleasant  
things would happen, resulting in death.

## The Children's Month

IN Victoria, December is surely the children's  
month. Who that saw the crowds of  
young folk in the streets at the end of last  
week could doubt it?

Visitors to our city were amazed and de-  
lighted as the joyous groups passed by. Tall or  
dark, big or little, rich or poor, there was a  
smile on every face, and all eyes were shining  
with delight and wonder.

There was no need to follow the little people  
into the stores where toys and presents were  
displayed, or to the theatre where entertain-  
ment awaited them. It was the children them-  
selves who made the spectacle such a delight  
to the thousands of people who gathered to see  
the procession. Care and even sorrow were  
forgotten by most of the older people in their  
sympathy with the joy of the little ones. It  
was a happy thought that made this Winter  
holiday.

## A Child's Prayer for Birds

Stars are twinkling overhead,  
All the birds have gone to bed;  
Hear them when they pray to Thee,  
They are little, just like me.

In the morning, when they wake,  
Hymns of praise to Thee they make;  
Hear them when they sing to Thee,  
They are little, just like me.

Heavenly Father, when they stray,  
Far from home and woodland way;  
Hear them when they cry to Thee,  
They are little, just like me.

—G. H. Cook.

## SLEEPING BEAUTY

By M. GENEVIEVE SILVESTER

MAKE-A-BOOK—Save the twelve pictures that tell this story to make a book. Cut them out and paste them on white paper. You will then have a complete story. Cut a cover from stiff paper and sew the pages of the book into it with a big, strong stitch.



"Oh, don't say that!  
Take back your wish!" they  
all cried. But the bad fairy  
would not take the wish  
back.

Just then the last one of  
the good fairies said, "I  
have not had my wish. I  
cannot take this wish away,  
but I can change it. Our  
princess shall not die."

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"But she shall sleep a  
hundred years and shall be  
waked at the end of the  
hundred years by a king's  
son, who will love her and  
care for her all her life!"

The king and queen were  
made very unhappy by the  
bad fairy's wish for their  
dear little girl.

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## Something About a Crawfish

THE crawfish is never seen at all by many  
people, yet he is an interesting creature in  
several ways. He can live in or out of water,  
and he can get along on either a vegetable or  
meat diet, and he well knows how to take care  
of himself under any sort of circumstances  
that he may encounter.

For instance, he likes to eat certain small  
water plants that he finds in ponds and rivers,  
yet he can drop any and all vegetable food at  
any time and live on small minnows, or even  
on fish eggs or insects. He has no difficulty in  
catching these last with his big, awkward  
pincers, which you would think he could not  
even move without scaring every living thing  
in sight. In fact, this creature is not a pretty  
thing to look at from any point of view.

The crawfish is the little fresh water brother  
of the big sea lobster and, like him, he is good  
to eat when he is full grown. When he is small  
he is just as good to eat, but it takes too much  
time to eat him because he must be boiled in  
salt water until he is red, like the lobster, and  
then his tail is pulled off where it joins the  
body and the rest is thrown away. There is no  
meat in the body and the only edible part of  
him is the big white muscles of his tail. When  
his tail is separated from the body it has to be  
peeled like the tail of a shrimp, for all these  
creatures have a hard, armor-like shell.

This hard shell is the same as that of the  
lobster except that it is not so thick or hard,  
but it is still a job to peel it in order to eat the  
fine tail meat.

Crawfish like still water with considerable  
plant growth in it, so they can be found in  
almost any pond, stream or lake, where they  
hide under rocks, slabs, moss beds or anything  
that will protect them from the predatory  
fishes that will eat them. The fish are a par-  
ticular danger when the crawfish are small or  
when they are soft and helpless just after  
shedding their shells, which they do progres-  
sively as they grow larger. This shell does not  
grow after it is once formed, and as the craw-  
fish does grow, he has to shed his shell.

When a pond inhabited by crawfish begins  
to grow dry, from evaporation or any other  
cause, the crawfish digs down into the mud of  
the bottom, sometimes as much as two feet, but  
usually about a foot, and there he hollows out  
a roomy den. This is of course is full of water,  
which is the thing he must have to live com-  
fortably, because his shell gets hard and brittle  
when dry. As he digs his hole he piles the dirt  
up into a chimney above ground, so that his  
den can always be found by looking for this  
foot-high chimney. You will sometimes see  
the chimneys in damp ground in the woods,  
as well as in dried-up ponds.

## The Skylark

I watched a lark rise from the sod,  
Soaring and singing praise to God—  
What is the subject of his lay  
As upwards still he wings his way?  
I think his happy song may be:  
Nearer to Thee, nearer to Thee—  
Nearer to Him who loves us all,  
Who sees and marks a sparrow's fall.  
Higher and higher still he flew,  
Till his small form was lost to view.  
But still, though now beyond my gaze,  
I heard his joyous song of praise.  
His is indeed a happy fate,  
To soar and sing at Heaven's gate.

J. B. FERGUSON.

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## Eileen's First Days in Victoria By Mrs. Nestor Noel

AS Eileen had lived so many years on the  
Prairie, she wanted to go shopping  
more than anything else in the world,  
so when mother had found a nice house in  
Fairfield, and unpacked trunks and boxes she  
told her daughter she would take her down  
town to see the shop windows and to buy  
things for Christmas to send to her Prairie  
friends.

Entering a B.C. Electric car, they soon found  
themselves in the business part of the city.  
The car was a treat—just to see what it was  
like—because Eileen was a healthy girl and  
could easily have walked.

Girls and boys who have lived in towns all  
their lives can hardly imagine that Douglas  
Street looked like Fairyland to Eileen. The  
general store was all she had ever seen on the  
Prairie. Here there were stores and stores  
"unending," said Eileen. First they entered  
Spencer's. Here they went upstairs to see the  
toys. She found it hard to help mother choose  
presents for her Prairie friends.

"O mother," cried Eileen suddenly. "There's  
Santa Claus. He is speaking to the little girls  
and boys. Do you think he will speak to me?"  
She almost dragged her mother towards the  
kindly old man with the big white beard,  
dressed in red and white, his big boots and  
everything about him looking as if he had just  
come from the North Pole.

"What is your name," he asked her.

"Eileen Brice," she said clearly, looking into  
his smiling eyes.

He asked her what she wanted for Christ-  
mas. When she said: "A French jointed doll  
with golden hair that curls, blue eyes and long  
eyelashes," he wrote it down in a book.

"I want her to go to sleep," added Eileen.  
Santa Claus wrote this in a book, then turned  
to other girls and boys around him.

"Do you think I shall get it," Eileen asked  
her mother.

"I should not be surprised," was the answer.

After this they walked to the Hudson's Bay  
Company, gazing in all the store windows as  
they passed. Inside the Hudson's Bay store  
they saw more toys and toys. Here they sud-  
denly came up to Dora and her mother, Mrs.  
Rawson.

The two girls were delighted to meet. They  
found out that they both lived in Fairfield, a  
few streets from each other. This was news.  
On the Prairie their nearest neighbors had  
been two miles away!

"I have some money of my own," said Eileen,  
showing a pretty little purse which mother had  
bought her that morning. "I'm going to buy  
something for my mother."

"I shall buy something for mine, too," said  
Dora.

The two mothers were begged not to look,  
"because the girls had a real secret," so after  
much looking at pretty things the children at  
last came away hugging mysterious parcels  
which were not to be opened until Christmas.

Eileen and her mother walked back to the  
pretty house in Fairfield where, even now there  
were flowers in the garden.

"On the Prairies they would have been frozen  
long ago," remarked Eileen.

In the sitting-room there was an open fire-  
place—a wonderful thing, for the girl had  
never seen anything but shut-in stoves.

In front of the fire was a brass guard to keep  
it safe.

The rest of that day Eileen stayed in writing  
her name and best wishes on the cards she was  
sending away, and helping mother put things  
in their places and get the supper ready for  
daddy when he came back from work, for he  
had a good position in the city.

After tea the telephone rang.

"It is for you," said Mrs. Brice to her  
daughter.

"Oh!" cried Eileen, delighted, for never had  
anyone rung her up in her old home though  
they had had a phone.

## The Judgment of Osiris



THE religion of the ancient Egyptians  
taught, as do most modern religions, that  
there was a life after death and that the souls  
of those who died went up before a god to be  
judged. It taught, too, that the souls of the  
righteous were allowed to enter their heaven,  
the blessed Aalu, and that those of the wicked  
were rejected. Kings and queens, priests and  
scholars and poor peasants—they were all alike  
after death—they all had to appear before the  
tribunal of Osiris and had to stand the test.

They all came before the supreme judge, light  
and made their declarations of righteousness: "I  
have not blasphemed"; "I have not stolen";  
"I have not slandered anyone or made false  
accusation"; "I have not reviled the face of my  
father"; "I have not eaten my heart through  
with envy." These statements were called the  
negative confession; they were statements of  
what the dead did not do while on earth; but  
there were positive statements, too, and here  
are two of them that the soul always made:  
"I have given bread to the hungry and drink  
to him who was thirsty"; "I have clothed the  
naked with garments." You will note, if you  
are familiar with the Ten Commandments,

that six of these Egyptian confessions are very  
similar to those of the Old Testament.

But, though all the souls were supposed to  
say these beautiful things about themselves in  
order to gain entrance to heaven, the judges  
did not always believe them and the Egyptians  
believed that the truths of the statements were  
tested by means of a scale. The heart of the  
person was placed in one pan of this scale and  
it was weighed against a standard of truth,  
usually a feather on the other pan. If the  
heart was found not light, the soul was wel-  
comed into the company of Osiris; if it was  
light in weight, it was condemned and the soul  
annihilated.

The picture reproduced today is copied from  
an Egyptian drawing many thousands of years  
old. It shows the judge of Osiris seated at the  
left. In the centre of the scene is the scale  
for weighing the heart of the deceased, who is  
seen toward the right of the drawing watching  
anxiously the result of the test, while assistants  
of Osiris are adjusting the Scales of Truth to  
determine the value of the heart in the pan at  
the right.

"Hallo," cried a voice the other end. "This  
is Dora. I felt like having a chat."

"Well, that was fun," said Eileen. "We can  
see each other nearly every day and talk every  
day. Dora is going to have the radio put in  
her house. She says we must go and hear it  
sometime."

"That will be nice," said Mrs. Brice. "Don't  
you think we had better go to bed early to-  
night as we have so much to do this week?"

"O yes, I don't mind," answered Eileen,  
"especially if I can have a bath in that big  
white bath. It will be much jollier than the  
old tub we used to have."

An excited little girl splashed about in the  
big white bath. If she splashed a little on the  
floor, mother said it did not matter as it was  
linoleum and could soon be wiped. The bath  
mat was soft and pretty.

"I shouldn't mind if I did not see anything  
but stores every day," said Eileen to her  
mother that night, because stores meant Fair-  
land.

"I'll never get tired of looking at all the  
lovely things," she added, "and I like buying,  
too. I have a—oh—I have a perfectly beautiful  
secret. So has Dora. I won't tell you what it  
is, mother. How lovely that electric light is!  
Yes, I am a little sleepy. Good-night, mother.  
I'm so glad we came to Victoria to live."

## Acknowledgement

Dear Sir,—I received lately a \$5 cheque,  
being the prize in your contest for poems on  
"The Lark." Allow me to express my thanks  
for your generosity. I was quite surprised and  
gratified at your decision in my favor. With  
best wishes for the success of The Colonist.

Yours sincerely,

MELVIN GLASPEL.

469 David Street, Victoria, Nov. 20, 1929.

## For Sharp Wits

BELOW we have listed two columns of words.  
The words belong in pairs, those in the  
right column having the opposite meaning to  
those in the left column. Can you rearrange  
the words so the proper pairs are together?

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|---------------|------------|
| 1. Affirm     | Ignorance  |
| 2. Noxious    | Unruly     |
| 3. Erudition  | Aversion   |
| 4. Generous   | Deny       |
| 5. Affection  | Occupied   |
| 6. Unlaid     | Beneficial |
| 7. Modest     | Niggardly  |
| 8. Docile     | Retard     |
| 9. Accelerate | Arid       |
| 10. Vacant    | Separation |

A word having an opposite meaning is called  
an antonym. How many readers under four-  
teen can correct this list?

## Where Are Your Matches Made?

CANADA has for many years made matches  
in great quantities. It is interesting to  
learn that Sweden, in the north of Europe, is  
making a great deal of money by the manu-  
facture and sale of matches, as the following  
paragraph from the Children's Newspaper  
shows.

Matches made in Sweden will now strike in  
Germany.

When Hans or Fritz lights his pipe or  
Gretchen lights the stove, they will use a  
Swedish match because there will be no others.  
The German Government, in exchange for a  
£25,000,000 loan, has given the Swedish Match  
Trust the sole right to make the matches for  
Germans.

Britain will still strike British matches on a  
British box, but over half the rest of the world  
the Swedish matches are setting things alight.  
Greece, Poland, Jugoslavia, Latvia, Estonia  
and Peru use no other.

## How English Schoolboys Work

THE boys at one of the London schools have  
reclaimed a piece of land for a playground.  
It was given up as useless by the people who  
owned it as well as by the school authorities.  
Then the boys set to work and now have one  
of the finest playgrounds in the kingdom.

Here is another story for which we must  
give credit to the Children's Newspaper.

Trent College, near Nottingham, wanted a  
library to hold 10,000 books. The builders said  
it would cost £10,000 and take a long, long  
time to make.

So the boys decided to build it themselves.  
In three weeks they dug and laid the nine-feet  
concrete foundations and built up several feet  
of brick wall. The library will be finished in  
one year instead of two.

The college has only to pay for bricks, tim-  
ber, and the wages of the foreman bricklayer  
and foreman carpenter who supervise the vol-  
unteers.

The Archbishop of York, who laid the founda-  
tion stone, told the boys they would leave  
something of themselves in the school for ever.

The library will be a dignified low building  
of Early English aspect with a raftered roof.  
There will be nothing raw, jerry-built, or ugly  
about it. Generations of boys will love to  
browse in it, and to show it to parents, and  
tell its history.

Lord Trent, whose heroic endurance of phys-  
ical adversity is as well known as his pioneer-  
ing energy and business genius, will be prouder  
than ever of having brought the River Trent  
into the peacage

# Fruit-Farming as a Heart-Breaker



By  
HUGH PRIOR

TO watch, and help, long rows of withered fibres take life and spread themselves in green luxuriance; to tend avenues of stark canes while they shroud themselves in feathery clouds of swaying verdure; to guard against unseen invasion of pestilence, until they foam in glorious perfumed blossom—where hum a million bees—that is part of the most fascinating industry in Ontario—fruit-farming.

Fascinating it all is, from time of swelling bud to season of blooming fruit. Every phase has its charms, and the hard work is forgotten in the joys of practically sharing in creation. Each succeeding day brings new discovery, development, promise; a new, if tranquil, pleasure.

All this, and more, much more, is in fruit-farming. But the truth is, to those whose livelihood depends on it, there is no more heart-breaking occupation in Ontario than fruit-farming.

Why? Because, in spite of all its attractions, there is practically no money in it. And that is the literal truth. Today there are hundreds of men—and women—in Ontario, engaged in fruit-farming, who cannot show a profit at the end of a year's hard work. Or, if they do, it is a trivial profit.

Take strawberry culture, a major local industry, and follow for a moment the common routine. The moment the frost is out of the ground cultivation must begin. Every row must receive careful, individual attention. Every weed, as it comes, must be removed, if the strawberry plants are to receive the maximum of nourishment, and weeds, ubiquitous weeds, are amazingly prolific. The runners—new plants from the parent stem—must be placed in line, so as to take root in the straight row. Cultivation, by horse and man, must go on until the berries are almost ready for picking, usually about mid-June. And all this cannot be done without hired help, and lots of it.

Then comes picking. The growers at Clarkson, for instance, the biggest local area, as a rule get their pickers from the Indian reserves—Caledonia, Rice Lake, Brantford, etc. That means motor transportation for them and their children from and back to the reserve, at the grower's expense. It means also providing accommodation for them, seeing to their wants in the way of provisions, etc., and generally looking after them. Fathering and mothering them, really, for in most respects they are all children. And come what may to the grower, the picking of each box of berries must be paid for at current rates.

The grower's next expense is material—crates and boxes. On an average a crate costs twenty-three cents, the boxes about half a cent each. Then comes trucking to market. A low rate for that is ten cents per crate. And the commission merchant charges

twelve and a half cents for selling to the retailer, as well as cartage to the retailer's store at the grower's expense. This latter is a very sore point with the growers. They all feel that the commission merchant should shoulder an expense which is essentially a part of his own overhead.

And to crown all, taking the season as a whole, the grower is very lucky if he gets an average of ten cents a quart. The writer knows of a case where several hundred crates of prime berries were sold at a price that varied from seven to five cents a quart!

At ten cents, then, the grower gets \$2.70 for a crate of twenty-seven quart boxes. Against this he must pay:

Crate .....	23
Boxes .....	14
Picking .....	54
Trucking .....	10
Commission .....	34
Total .....	\$1.35

To this must be added cartage, an unknown quantity until the commission merchant sends in his report of sales.

Now add to this overhead the labor already provided, and where is the profit to justify investment, personal labor, etc.? But the tale does not end there.

The moment the picking is over the mass of green leaves must be mown off. Then comes ploughing the rows into narrow strips, to curtail useless growth and make weeding easier. And later fresh and continual weeding to keep the rows clean and preserve the vitality of the plants. This continues right up to the frost. And finally all rows must be covered with (usually purchased) manure, to guard against the winter's frosts.

Commission men profit to the extent of twelve and a half percent on all sales, low or high. Retailers profit to heaven knows what extent. Toronto housewives can no doubt tell that, in vigorous language, too.

But the grower, if you go into these figures, who are typical; well, does he break even? His horses must be fed, his implements bought and maintained, his fertilizers paid for, his family and himself maintained, insurance premiums, taxes (above all, taxes) paid. And don't forget the winter.

## Profits Unsatisfactory

RASPBERRIES are less of a hazard, in the return they require much less labor. The return they produce is now fairly on a par with that of strawberries. But, still, raspberries must be described as a gamble. The canes are easily winter killed, and they are very sensitive to either drought or excessive moisture. Sturdy, and yet delicate, they constitute more or less of a chance crop at all times. In 1921 practically the entire provincial crop was winter killed. But—one man

on raspberries can do the work of three on strawberries.

Plums grow, as a rule, so well in Ontario that one is not surprised to find the market at all times more or less flooded. There is little money in plums.

And apples. Practically nowhere are better apples produced than in Ontario. It is true that British Columbia has—just now—a



All This Cannot Be Done Without Hired Help, and Lots of It

monopoly of the famous "Delicious," but in almost all other staple brands Ontario orchards are second to none in quality. And, what is more, second to none in productivity.

Yet does the grower, at any rate the grower with a moderate acreage, profit? It is best, perhaps, to illustrate:

A grower at Clarkson sent, this year, to a leading commission merchant 272 baskets of magnificent Duchesse apples. These were produced from young trees, and about the best quality the province has to offer.

The shipment in question was made up of 206 eleven-quart baskets and sixty-six six-

quart baskets. The total return for the lot from the commission merchant was \$35.50. From this gross sum he deducted:

Trucking .....	\$9.00
Commission .....	4.44
Cartage .....	1.60
Total .....	\$15.04

So that the grower received a net return of \$20.46, as against \$15.04 he had to pay to transport 272 baskets of apples nineteen miles from grower to retailer—not to consumer. For that service it will be seen that the grower had to pay exactly three-quarters of the net return he received for his apples.

Is this fair to the grower? Can he live? Can he develop his property? Can he retain faith in Ontario. It must be admitted that this year the apple crop was very heavy, and prices lower even than usual.

About peaches the writer cannot speak. But he can point to the numerous occasions when peach growers have offered to tourists all the fruit they could take away, if they would only pick it. A pathetic effort to clear their orchards of unsaleable fruit, to clear their trees and thus reduce their overhead.

Is there a remedy. Yes, several. Amongst them are:

First—perhaps least popular, but certainly

most practical—a co-operative effort toward restricted production. Or, to put it another way, an effort to do away with indiscriminate production, which hopelessly overloads the market.

Too much fruit is being produced here—too much of one kind at one time—for a market that is limited and poorly organized for anything but strictly local distribution.

If fruit farmers, say only in the Clarkson district, were to cut their acreage of quickly perishable fruits by about a third, all would unquestionably receive adequate remuneration for work and investment. And, equally important, a better quality of fruit of all kinds would appear on the market.

Co-operation, however, seems to be the most difficult thing in the world to bring about in farming communities. One can only wonder why, since it is a business principle.

For instance, in the Clarkson district, during the Drury provincial regime, an offer was made to erect a cold storage plant there for fruit. As a condition growers were asked to invest. It was a Government project; it was for their good; yet they refused. Their blood has since been on their own heads.

Second: Co-operative marketing, instead of the present haphazard methods.

There is no reason in the world why growers should not deliver their products directly to the retailer—in many cases even to the consumer. All they need is a central organization for the purpose. Thus doing away with the 12½ per cent commission merchant and his hated cartage accounts.

And third: A seasonal tariff to protect our own fruits. Seasonal only, let it be understood. And it would not need to be heavy. It would work no hardship on the consumer, rather the opposite. It would be an immeasurable help to the harassed grower, and would keep domestic products at a high standard of excellence.

If this suggestion seems to some impractical, the writer can quote a powerful instance in support of it. This season, at the very time strawberry growers should have been receiving their highest and steadiest prices, the bottom fell out of the market. Why? Because at that time several carloads of United States strawberries were dumped on the local market. The newspapers announced that the slump in prices was due to the arrival of United States berries. This is the first time in the history of strawberry growing here that such a thing has occurred. The market was inundated at its crest, and with berries picked green and ripened in transit. Nine out of ten buyers knew no difference. They just bought the cheaper product, the United States product. They knew later.

But the Ontario grower? Well, he will be paying for that invasion all this winter. And next Spring, where will his enthusiasm be?

## Care of Poultry on the Farm

By R. C. GIBSON

WHAT a mistake it is to keep too many birds together in the same shed.

Naturally enough, we all want to keep as many laying pullets as possible, but we are asking for trouble when we pack three into the space that only two should occupy. We know we have discussed this question some time ago. But it is necessary to refer to the matter at this season. At any rate, the conclusion we have come to after reading letters from readers and visiting many of their places. Fresh air is an absolute necessity if birds are to be kept in health. Deprive them of it and one of the first things that will happen is that the egg yield will drop. Later on, all kinds of disease will follow in its train. Lack of fresh air means a lowered vitality. A lowered vitality implies that the bird is not so resistant to disease.

### Overcrowding Is a Cause

WE recently put an outbreak of roup on one reader's place down to nothing but overcrowding. There was not the shadow of a doubt that this was the reason. It is not only that the birds were overcrowded at the moment, but they had been ever since they were half-grown. Righting the conditions will not serve alone now. It is essential to get busy and treat the birds which are suffering and which are likely to suffer. You can tell the birds that should be isolated by going into the house at night, after the birds have gone to roost, and listening to their breathing. Any which are not breathing normally should be lifted out at once and placed by themselves. There are a dozen different suggested remedies for roup. One we have always found to prove effective is to take 3 oz. sulphate of copper and 1 oz. sulphate of iron and dissolve in a quart of vinegar. From the moment it is noted that a bird is suffering from roup, two fluid ounces of the mixture should be added to each gallon of drinking water. Feed green food liberally, since this has a fine tonic effect, but gather up all remains as soon as the birds cease to eat heartily at it.

### To Help the Cure

GIVE the birds ample air space according to the figures we have suggested before, but see that there are no draughts. If the nostrils are clogged up, dip them into a strong solution of permanganate of potash, dissolving 1 oz. in half a gallon of water. If there are any yellow growths in the mouth, remove carefully with a pointed match stick and touch up with iodine. And do not forget that the addition of 1 oz. of cod liver oil to three pounds of mash will help enormously to throw off the complaint. You cannot be too careful when treating roup birds. You cannot handle such fowls without getting a little mucus on the hands. When walking in the run, a little of the germ-laden droppings will get on the boots. Use old gloves for handling them, and have an old pair of boots which you can slip on when entering the house or run where the diseased birds are. Needless to say, too, all food and water utensils must be scalded daily.

You will have noticed, no doubt, that cockerels do not all crow at the same time of day; that all are not equally lusty in their call, and that some use their voice more often than others. Did you know, though, that quite a lot of useful information can be deduced from the time, strength and frequency of a cockerel's crow. The fellow that crows early, for instance, is preferable to the one that waits till noontime. The cockerel that issues the challenge from the perch is a "dower." A loud, lusty crow indicates good lungs in perfect health and, in most cases, a powerful heart. Such a bird will beget healthy chickens. We must not compare the noise of a heavy breed, such as a Rhode Island Red, with one of the light breeds, such as an Ancona; the latter is bound to be more shrill. The squeaky voice, however, makes one fear for small lungs, a cut-away chest or maybe some obstruction in the throat, such as canker. The long crow is preferable to the short, sharp crow, for greater staying power is indicated. The bird that goes to a lot of trouble to climb up as high as possible to do his crowing is to be preferred to the one that is satisfied to stay on the ground. Quick take-up of challenge denotes a bird in full senses and quick of hearing. The fellow that will guard and tend his hens and produce vigorous chickens is the one that crows as soon as the one in the neighboring pen issues his challenge. Crowing at an early age is desirable, so long as the bird is not over precocious. He may be an early maturer, that is, maturing at an early age while yet crowing well at the same time. Early crows, then, must be handled for size, for, if we mate with a precocious male, we have a danger of getting birds of small frame and maybe, as a follow-on, birds that will lay very small eggs. So the "crower" tells a lot about "himself."

### Night Lighting Not Always Wise

LIGHTING the layers' houses artificially has proved an excellent thing. But it cannot be used successfully for all kinds of pullets. When used judiciously it is beneficial; but it is an easy enough matter to abuse it. Pulletts should always be housed according to maturity. It is a mistake, if it can possibly be avoided, to run early and late hatched birds together. They require different treatment as regards both feeding and management. Pulletts which have matured early—generally the best birds in the flock—must be given an opportunity to eat as much as they require for the formation of a large number of eggs. For them, artificial light is almost a necessity, especially during the darkest—November, December, and January—months of the winter. Without it, they cannot get sufficient raw material. Late maturing pullets want to be helped as much as possible. For this reason their houses should be lighted up even before they begin to lay. This encourages maturity, but does not injure the constitution. Early hatched pullets tend to fall into a partial or neck moult in the late autumn. This can be prevented to a very great extent by increasing the supply of

grain and lighting the houses before the first sign of moult appears. There is one class of pullets, however, for which we would never dream of using lights. This is the late hatched group. It is all very well to hasten maturity by lighting the houses, but, in our opinion, it is highly dangerous to submit the late hatched bird to the same treatment. It forces maturity before the birds are fully grown. It tends to lower their vitality and undermine their constitutions. No lights should be used for these birds until after the bulk of them have started laying. Then it will prove advantageous.

### Defective Combs

THE different types of combs on single-comb birds of the light breeds are numerous. They vary in quality, shape and size. Some there are that are misshapen; some that are too coarse and some that are too small. As much can be learned from combs, let us run through them, type by type. Firstly, from the point of view of mechanical perfection. To be brief, we do not like the comb that falls right over and hides, or half-hides, the eye. (Of course, you have seen many such.) The bird's eye is covered and she cannot possibly see to feed either from hoppers or to scratch in the litter. Such is a real defect. Such large combs, too, are very liable to frost-bite and need rubbing with vaseline during severe weather.

Just as common as the large, drooping comb is the comb which does not hang low enough; in other words, is too upright. With a more or less upright comb there is the danger of beakness, that is, coarseness, and you know that usually means fewer eggs. The ideal comb is half-way between the two kinds mentioned, neither covering the eye nor being held upright, but falling just to the top of the eye level.

A cock's comb, of course, should be perfectly upright and in a straight line from back to front.

### "Green" Bones Good for Fowls

"GREEN" bones are quite distinct from other forms of bones or bone meal, etc. A "green" bone is a fresh one which has been put through a cutting machine so that it comes out in shreds. Bone meal is not nearly so good. In drying, many of the most important elements are lost. And a word of warning with regard to bone meal: We once recommended a poultry keeper to use bone meal for his fowls. He took our advice. But instead of getting a feeding bone meal he used some bone meal manure. Result: some of his birds died. Manure bone meal is treated with sulphuric acid. This is enough explanation. A little "green" bone fed to the layers during the winter is splendid for them. The allowance for them is 1-2 oz. per bird. Give this a few times a week and it will prove effective.

Seeing the important part the male bird plays in the fathering of your future layers, it behooves you to pay particular attention to his selection. There is one thing that is apt, very often, to escape your notice—the straightness of the bird's back. A round back, besides disqualifying a bird for showing, endangers several vital internal organs, and causes of sterility are by no means uncommon. The digestive organs are misplaced and lung trouble is often manifested in severe shortness

of breath when the bird is caught. Such a condition is called "roachback," and the fact that it so often escapes notice may be because the bird still retains a symmetrical appearance. It can be detected, however, by viewing the bird sideways, when the bump can often be seen, or by passing the hand lightly along the back and feeling for the deformity.

## Preparing for Next Year's Potatoes

MUCH can be done to make next year's potato crop a tip-top success by beginning now. You see, potatoes grow best in a certain soil and, as nature does not bless you all with that soil, it is up to you to help nature as far as you can.

The potato likes a medium to light loam best. It is at its worst in a heavy, clayey loam or in a soil sour with excess water. Even old garden land and soil which has been cropped for dozens and dozens of years may not suit the crop, because such land induces scab and contains the germs of these disgusting skin diseases. The first thing to remember is that heavy and wet land derives large benefits from deep digging and ridging at this time. When soil is left like this, it seems to draw new life and freshness from the sunshine and air, while at the same time the play of frost and natural agencies helps to reduce it to a nice tilth. Heavy land may be lightened and made considerably better for the potato crop if heaps of leaf-mould and road grit be added to it. Both of these things insure potato tubers with a nice, clear skin, and to heavy land you can hardly add too much. If you happen to have the land ridged suitably, you may spread leaf-mould along the hollows. Plant in this in due course and then level the soil over the top—an easy way to plant when things work out all right.

Light land will not grow bumper crops unless a good helping of humus is added to it. At this time you may dig in as much mould as you can get, decayed or partly decayed garden rubbish, seaweed and such like things. It is, however, much too early to apply manure. Lime is an important soil tonic which helps to ameliorate most garden soils; but we want you to use it in front of potatoes with a certain degree of caution. It is this way: lime has the unfortunate habit of encouraging some of the scab diseases and, if these diseases are present in the ground or on the seed which is to be used, you had better not use it. Otherwise it may be applied now, not later, and well forked in. Potatoes need a certain amount of farm or stable manure to be at their best, or, in the absence of either, hog manure. The farm manure may be applied a couple of months beforehand and dug in where the tubers are to go; or it may be placed in a heap under cover soon and allowed to rot, the rotted stuff then being applied at the same time as the tubers are set in the ground. Hog manures should be buried in a shallow trench along the lines in which the tubers are to go, in February. One load of farm manure for eight to ten rods is looked upon as an average dressing. Also prefer horse manure for heavy land and cow, pig or peat litter manure for light land. Poultry manure ought to be applied at planting time.

## The Garden Week by Week

By NORMAN W. F. RANT, F.R.H.S.

THERE are several things that should be done in the garden now. If your dahlias have not been taken up, get them out of the ground and stored in a frostproof place.

Budleas should be cut back to within about a foot of the ground. Camoethus should have extra vigorous shoots cut back, and Clematis of the Jackman type, which flowers on the current year's wood should be cut back to within two or three feet of the ground.

Spring bedding plants, such as Wallflowers, Canterbury Bells, and so on, should be planted in their flowering quarters without delay so that they may be established before really severe weather comes. If, later on, any of these should be heaved by the frost, they should be carefully pressed back into their places.

### Protecting Roses

TO make perfectly sure that one's roses will not be harmed by the frost during the winter, a good plan is to draw a mound of dry soil against each plant, covering at least two buds. If this be done the roses will be safe even if all the exposed buds are frozen, for the two buds that are covered will shoot as soon as Spring comes.

A friend in Yorkshire has the following to say about some roses that have done well with him during the past very dry Summer in England:

"Gwyneth Jones is the most brilliant carmine-orange sort. Occasionally the variety bears double flowers, but the majority are semi-double. This, however, does not detract from their charm. The variety is almost immune from mildew and is very free flowering."

### Fine Fragrance

"LADY FORTVLOT is somewhat unusual because when the flowers open they are a golden yellow, becoming apricot with age. Its fragrance is exquisite."

"One of the most brilliant orange-scarlet roses is found in the variety Margaret McGredy. Although my bushes of this are planted in extremely light soil, the color of the blooms is not in the least affected by the sun. It is free-flowering and fairly resistant to mildew."

I believe the variety Fragrance, which has deep crimson flowers, must be one of the most sweetly-scented of the modern roses. It is worth growing on that account alone, but reference may also be made to the charm of its deep crimson blooms and the freedom with which they are produced.

Although somewhat old as roses go, Florence is still worthy of an honored place, for its silvery-pink flowers, pointed in the bud, are the last word in refinement.

### Yellow Monkshoods

ALTHOUGH the blue-flowered Aconitums or Monkshoods are well-known garden flowers and much grown, the yellow-flowered sorts are not often seen. One of the best of these is Aconitum Orientale, a native of the Caucasus. It is a free-growing herbaceous perennial, reaching a height of about three and a half feet. The flowers are more tubular

and narrow than those of the blue-flowered species, and the typical hood is not so pronounced, while the color is a good solid creamy-yellow. The flowers are produced plentifully and over a fairly long season, and if the growths are loosely supported the effect is excellent.

All the Aconitums will establish themselves in the wild garden and will do very well if kept away from the drip of trees.

Linaria Alpina is a rock garden plant that should have a word or two of praise now and then. This tiny snapdragon grows in huge masses in the Alps in rough, rocky ground, free from lime. Mr. Clarence Elliott aptly describes it as "a plant with miniature violet snapdragon flowers with egg lips." There is a pink form (Linaria Alpina Rosea) and also a rare albino. It is not a long lived plant, but in the moraine will reproduce itself from seed. It never becomes a weed and is a perfect little gentleman.

### Must Be Tried

THE longer one makes a hobby of rock garden plants the more one comes to the conclusion that everything must be given a trial for some years before it can be considered a desirable subject. That is to say, when one gets or raises what to him is a new Alpine plant, it is a mistake to plant it out in the rock garden at once. It may prove to be an underground runner that will take possession of the whole place and kill out all its fellows. It may prove to be a free seeder that becomes a weed. It may prove to be a hundred and one things that are not suitable for the rock garden. After all, a rock garden is not just a collection of plants, but a display of plants which look well and do well in a rocky surrounding.

This point of view should be kept in mind this Fall when designing and planting a rock garden of any size, from the largest to the smallest.

## Plants to Grow on Your Roof

YOU have often seen, no doubt, those green things growing on old roofs and thought that you might improve the appearance of one or more of your buildings with something similar. The subject most often used in this way is the common houseleek (Sempervivum tectorum), but all the varieties will thrive in the same position. Some of the serums and the common cordylas soon become established on a roof. The best way to get them to stay in position is to work up some clay or heavy loam to the consistency of putty and use a good lump to stick the plants in place.

"The man of the world" is responsible for more erroneous opinions than perhaps anyone. —Lord Cecil.

The Papuan Islanders have signified their anxiety to pay taxes. The poor heathen savages!